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# Radiance Community Church

## From Our Pastors

TA-DA! The time has arrived. We've waited long enough. I'll bet you've just been itching to have a look! This is the first publication on which our new logo appears! We hope you noticed. We've been working with a graphic artist for several weeks to get it just right and we're tickled. I hope you're liking it as much as we do.



The graphic to the left of the name is very much like a radiant object continually emanating light outwardly from the middle. This is exactly the kind of spirit we are trying to communicate: a body of believers gathered in and then reflecting the love of Christ outward. You may have also noticed the gradient change of color from the center of the image to the outer edge. This represents an expression of how the radiating of Christ's love changes those it touches.



As you've probably noticed, the larger logo is made up of the same shapes arranged in a circular pattern. If you use your imagination, you'll also notice the shape resembles that of a heart. This is, of course, a reference to a line in our purpose statement that identifies us as "a church that nourishes hearts for God." It is meant to remind us that one of our core

purposes is to encourage and feed the faith of those who are followers of Christ and those who are still seeking a relationship with Him.



If you flip the shape, it now resembles the roof of a building. This is a reference to the second element of our statement of purpose: "A home to friends and strangers." This is to communicate that we want to be a church where those who come to us feel "at home". We want others to see us as a place where everyone will feel safe and encouraged by the love of Christ.



And, taken as a whole, it's easy to picture it as a hub; as in "a hub for sharing God's love."

The importance of a logo is not to give us some clever graphic to put on T-Shirts. It is intended to be a visual reminder of what it means to be Radiance Community Church. Each time that graphic catches our eye, we can reinforce our vision of RCC as Heart, Home, and Hub. That logo is also a conversation starter that gives us the opportunity to share with others what RCC is about.

One more important thing, our logo is meaningless unless we, in every way we serve our Savior, embody:

Nourishing Hearts for God, Being a Home to Friends & Strangers,  
and Being a Hub for Sharing God's Love

Your Pastors,  
Rev. Melissa Scott and Dr. Steven W. Pollard

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## **Missional Business Services Visit**

On Wednesday, September 18, a team from Missional Business Services spent the day with our staff and several other church leaders. They outlined the next steps our church needs to take in three areas: finances, governance, and formational documents. It was a really helpful time. Soon, they will be presenting a time line for us. All the elements on the list will be completed no later than February (and most will be done well before then). We are excited to take these steps forward!

We would like to establish some transitional rules of order and procedures to guide us until our constitution is ready for us to approve. MBS will be providing suggestions for these. On Sunday, October 20, we will have a congregational meeting to approve these transitional rules. Anyone who considers themselves part of Radiance Community Church will be able to vote during this transitional time. Once the constitution (which will include the rights and responsibilities of membership in RCC) is written and approved, we will have a special celebration and a time of affirming membership for everyone who wishes to do so.

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## **Advent Devotionals**

This year, our Advent theme is “More Than Words.” Sometimes, the familiarity of the Advent season and the words “hope, peace, joy, love” can cause us to lose sight of the deep meaning of the season. We need your help as we focus our hearts on the coming of Christ. If you would be willing to write a brief devotional thought to be included in our Advent devotion book, please let our staff know. We have a list of topics and verses to guide each day’s devotion. Devotions will need to be turned in no later than November 10, so sign up now!

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## **Worship Leadership Schedule**

### **October 9**

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- **Greeters:** Neal Kinsey, Penny Horsely
- **Scripture Reader:** John Urquhart
- **Offertory Prayer:** Ray Templin
- **Children's Worship Leader:** Donna Kester
- **Offering:** Kathy Kinsey, Mary Shirley, Joyce Short, Alyssa Viele
- **Communion:** John Urquhart, Glenda Pollard, Ray Templin, Susan Snyder, Paul Howell

### **October 13**

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- **Greeters:** Lisa Baker, Nancy Vest
- **Scripture Reader:** Brennon Viele
- **Offertory Prayer:** John Urquhart
- **Children's Worship Leader:** Mary Harris
- **Offering:** Ric Scott, Mia Viele, Bob Crawford, Mark Smith

### **October 20**

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- **Greeters:** Gordon Williams, Mary Shirley
- **Scripture Reader:** Bob Crawford
- **Offertory Prayer:** Mary Harris
- **Children's Worship Leader:** Glenda Pollard
- **Offering:** Joyce Short, Mary Shirley, Becky Beard, Gerri Mills

### **October 27**

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- **Greeters:** Bobbie Hawkins, Vicki Wray
- **Scripture Reader:** Glenda Pollard
- **Offertory Prayer:** Nancy Burgess
- **Children's Worship Leader:** Nancy Vest
- **Offering:** Mary Harris, Alyssa Viele, Ray Templin, Susan Snyder



## Radiance Kids

- Parents, we love having your children in worship with us. Worship bags with a family worship guide are provided in the foyer, and there are books on the faith lending library bookshelf that you are welcome to choose from as well. After the Word for All Ages, our children will go to children's church (if they wish).
- All Radiance Kids (preschool-fifth grade) are invited to a special Pumpkin Party on Sunday, Oct 27, from 11:45-1:30. We'll have lunch together, decorate pumpkins, play games, and have a special lesson about what pumpkins can teach us about God! Please let Pastor Melissa know by October 20 if your child(ren) will be able to join the fun!

## Radiance Youth

- All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for Dinner and Discipleship on Sunday evenings from 5-7 p.m. This fall, we're looking at how Jesus experienced emotions and how we can follow Jesus' example. If you would like to provide dinner for our youth on a Sunday evening, please sign up at <https://bit.ly/pbjyouthsuppers>.
- Since Roanoke County Schools are out on Monday, October 14, let's hang out! Bring your lunch and come play games from noon-2:00 p.m.!

## Blessings for the Journey for the Urquharts:

We are beginning a new tradition for our church - a special time of blessing and prayers for our church members who move away from Roanoke. On October 13, we will offer blessings over John and Debbie Urquhart as they move to South Carolina. Following worship, we will have a light reception to allow time for us to say our good-byes.

## Faith Lending Library:

We have seasonal resources for the "Harvest Time" of Ordinary Season on the bookcase in the foyer. You're welcome to borrow books and return them when you are done.



## Featured Dates

<b>Wednesday, Oct 3</b> Spiritual Formation Class	<b>12:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday, Oct 6th</b> Youth Dinner & Discipleship (6th-12th Grade)	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Monday, Oct 7th</b> Implementation Team Meeting	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, Oct 9th</b> Spiritual Formation Class	<b>12:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday, Oct 13th</b> Reception for the Urquhart's Deacon's Meeting Youth Dinner & Discipleship (6th-12th Grade)	<b>11:45 PM</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Monday, Oct 14th</b> Evelyn Townsend Circle	<b>12:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, Oct 16th</b> Spiritual Formation Class	<b>12:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday, Oct 20th</b> Congregational Meeting Youth Dinner & Discipleship (6th-12th Grade)	<b>11:45 PM</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday, Oct 27th</b> Pumpkin Party (Kids) Youth Dinner & Discipleship (6th-12th Grade)	<b>11:45 AM</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday, Oct 31</b> Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat Villages at Lincoln	<b>4:00 PM</b>



**Crop Walk:** As we formed our church, we asked God to direct us to a ministry focus by asking what we could do to bring the kingdom of heaven to earth. We sensed God calling us to help feed the hungry. One way that we are doing that is by participating in our local Crop Walk on Sunday, October 20. The walk starts at South Roanoke United Methodist Church at 2:00 p.m. (sign-in begins at 1:30) and there is a 1 mile walk and a 4 mile walk. The funds raised during the Crop Walk support Church World Service, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. 25% of the money raised stays right here in Roanoke, and this year, that money will be donated to Feeding Southwest Virginia's Community Solutions Center (CSC). The CSC is designed to address hunger now, by providing charitable food aid to those in need, and to encourage success later by empowering the community to overcome the root causes of food insecurity. Sign up to walk with our team using the sign up sheet in the foyer or online at <https://bit.ly/rcccropwalk>. If you can't walk but would like to make a donation in support of our walkers, you can do that using the link above or by writing a check to CWS/CROP and placing it in the offering plate. Please see Pastor Melissa if you have any questions!

### **Weekend Food Bags for Keystone**

**Community Center:** During the school year, we provide weekend food bags for 12 children at Keystone Community Center (a couple of options for breakfast, some snacks, fruit, and proteins for lunches and dinners, juice and milk boxes). We package the food in grocery bags and deliver them to Keystone by Wednesday each week. The cost for the food is usually around \$100. Sign up in the foyer to provide food bags for a week - even better, do it with a group of friends!

**Book and Magazine Collection:** The Evelyn Townsend Circle is collecting books (both paperback and hardback) and magazines for the Roanoke City Jail library and for TAP. Please place your donations in the appropriate box in the foyer.

**Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat:** Let's share God's love with over 200 children at the first Community Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat at Villages at Lincoln this Halloween (Thurs., October 31) from 4-6 pm. We are collecting individually wrapped candy for this event, and we also want to have our church represented at the event with cars to give out candy during Trunk or Treat and with some activities and games for the children. To find out more, please see Linda Dwyer.

**The Evelyn Townsend Mission Circle** will meet at noon on Monday, October 14, at the home of Ellen Scott. All women of the church are invited to be a part of this group that focuses on missions and offers wonderful times of fellowship and encouragement.

### **Opportunities for Bible Study**

- **"New Members" Class for Everyone:** All of us forming Radiance Community Church are new members together! Join us during the Sunday morning Bible study time (9:30-10:15) for a "New Members" class. Our pastors will be leading us through a study of who our church is - what it means to be Cooperative Baptists, our church mission statement, and spiritual gifts. All adults and youth are meeting together during this time.
- **Midweek Spiritual Formation Series:** Wednesdays 12:00 -1:00 Spiritual Formation Series (formally Brown Bag Bible Study) will focus on three series in Oct through Dec. First is difficult statements by Jesus. Second will be from Steven's Character's Psychological Series exploring Joseph. The final series will be sermons to a struggling congregation. The October spiritual formation series focuses on the sayings of Jesus that are not easy to understand. The focus is Mark's gospel. How does the lessons of Jesus apply today.
  - ◇ Oct. 2 - Mark 7 - Give the child's food to the dogs
  - ◇ Oct. 9 - Mark 8 - Rumors, Rumors, Rumors, Truth
  - ◇ Oct 16 - Mark 9 - First and Last the order of things
  - ◇ Oct. 23 - Mark 9 - If they are not against us-Well
- **Young Adult Dinner & Bible Study:** Young adults (20s-30s) are invited to join us on October 3 at 6 p.m. for dinner & Bible study, hosted by Pastor Melissa and Ric.



October is PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH. Since we have two of the most wonderful pastors in the world, please take a moment to tell them how important they are to your spiritual life, especially this month!

## Giving

Thank you for your faithful support of the ministry of our church. If you wish to give an offering, you may do so by placing it in the designated plate in the foyer, via mail, electronically through your bank or our websites at: <https://cabbc.churchtrac.com/give> or <https://bit.ly/givecalvary>. You may also donate by scanning our QR codes:

Colonial Avenue Baptist



Calvary Baptist



NOTE: Please continue to write checks to the individual church names until our new church account is in place.

## Prayer Concerns

- Those who are homebound or in retirement/nursing homes: Jim Bryant, Jane Byrum, Virginia Draper, Mary Durrer, Sue Epperly, Buddy Hawkins, Evelyn Hutcherson, Nadine Minnix, Shirley Moore, Betty Obenchain, Louise Parris, Betty Payne, Becky Peyton, Jack Pilcher, Evelyn Ragland, Alice Scogin, Anna Mae Smith, Joe St. Clair.
- Those with cancer including Beth Bankston (friend of Debbie & Gordon Williams), Linda Dwyer, Doug Hicks (Kathy Kinsey's brother), Angela Johnson (Joyce Short's niece), Barbara Kern, Penny Long (Bob Crawford's sister), Meredith Martin (friend of the Kinseys), Wayne Simmons (cousin of Vilas Secrist & Linda Dwyer), Lolly Quigley (friend of Amy Grant, Dabney Ward, and Louise Conner), Posey Weddle (Michael Krawchison's uncle), Betsy White, (Joyce Waugh's niece) Declan (four year old friend of the Morrises), Carolyn Young.
- Our congregation, our pastors, our community, and those around the world
- Cheryl Nicely
  - Herb McBride
- Jane Price recovering from cataract surgery
  - Sylvia Shortt in Carillon Palliative care
- Donna & Roger Smith's grandson Jacob, with severe burns and upcoming surgeries
- Cathy Crosier Lumpkin (friend of Linda Dwyer)
- Taylor Lumpkin (friend of Linda Dwyer) has a mass on an ovary to be biopsied
- Nancy Burgess' son, Steve, recovering from thumb surgery
- Kathy Kinsey's brother, having back surgery
- Jim Lininger, (Bill's brother) who has kidney cancer
- Those impacted by Hurricane Helene

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Music Director



**Melissa Scott** 10/3  
**Christy Knott** 10/4  
**Bill Felton** 10/4  
**Tim Thornhill** 10/6  
**Isaiah Bush** 10/7  
**Terry Allinder** 10/8  
**Bob Conner** 10/9

**Cheryl Nicely** 10/10  
**Jessie Dwyer** 10/13  
**Mary Ellen Gearhart** 10/17  
**Mary Valentine** 10/23  
**Darren Petty** 10/25  
**Betsy Ogle** 10/29  
**Jordan Poff** 10/31