



Bayside Presbyterian Women

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Devotion

The Hands That Will Change the World

The most amazing hands of all time were Jesus' hands.
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You have given me your shield of victory. Your right hand supports me; your help has made me great. Psalm 18:35 (NLT)

I love my mom's hands. They are capable and hardworking. Veins line the top of them. They are weathered from years of working in her garden. But these are the hands that felt my feverish forehead when I was little. I reached for them in the middle of a crowd so that I could feel safe. They showed me how to clean, make chocolate chip cookies, and write my name.

When my boys were born, my mom's were the first hands to give my babies a bath. They taught me how to swaddle and hold and nurture. My mom's hands are my favorite. They are the embodiment of care and love.

Lately, my hands have begun to look more like my mom's. My hands find a great deal of joy being in the dirt, planting flowers, and holding the hands of my growing boys. My hands cook and clean and take care of my family. And they write stories and mark the years as they fly by. I want my hands to be the embodiment of care and love.

The most amazing hands of all time were Jesus' hands. His hands performed miracles and brought the dead to life. His hands broke bread and fish and fed thousands. His hands healed the sick and even helped the blind to see. His hands blessed the sun, warmed heads of children, and helped the lame to walk. Jesus' hands are the true embodiment of care and love. When we use our hands to care for those around us, our hands are like Jesus hands'. And those are the hands that will change the world.

Faith Step: Look at your hands. These are the hands of Jesus, showing love for the world you live in. Remember that throughout the day as you care for those you love.

Benevolence in the spotlight



Rural Family Development Migrant Ministry

The mission of Rural Family Development (RFD), an agency of the Virginia Council of Churches, is to enable children and adults of rural households to achieve their potential. RFD will utilize staff, church and community partners to establish relationships of trust with family members as a basis for providing comprehensive family and child development services.

Vision Statement

The Vision of Rural Family Development of the Virginia Council of Churches is to "plant seeds" on the lives of the children and families in order to harvest the future. Planting the seeds includes:

- School Readiness: Excellence in Education and Health Care
- Development of family opportunities
- To send them forth for the future harvest

RFD has operated as many as 5 Migrant Head Start Centers between May and November serving approximately 120 to a high of 300 children of migrant farm workers from birth to 5 years of age in Accomack, Northampton, Winchester and Warsaw counties. In the past year RFD took on the responsibility of operating the Caroline County Head Start program in central Virginia serving 95 children three to five years of age. Services are also provided to adult family members.

RFD delivers services in education, health & nutrition, community partnerships, family partnerships, disabilities and continuity. Learn more at the following link:

<http://www.vacouncilofchurches.org/rural-family-development>



Beginning Balance: \$ 2015.36

Ending Balance: \$ 750.36



Upcoming dates to remember:

- Church Picnic Sun Sep 8th after 1100 service.
- 2019 – 2020 PW year begins the 2nd week in Sep
- Wed at the Well, JAM, adult study begins Sep 11th
- Peace and Remembrance Service Sep 11th, 6:30
- PW Host Church Women United; Sep 28th, 10:30
- Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing event; Sep 29th 2pm
- PW Moderator's meeting Sep 30th, 6:30



Always needed:

- Juice (approx. 64 oz) any kind
- Canned fruits of any size

