

FROM THE PASTOR: I Dream a World...

Early this morning when I turned on the radio I heard the announcer interviewing a contributor who was asking for submissions from listeners. The submissions could be in the form of a list, an essay, or a poem. If the listeners chose to send a poem, it could rhyme but didn't have to. The contribution should complete the prompt "I Dream a World..." Of course, this was offered today because it is the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, a connection with the "I Have a Dream" speech. But all morning I have been thinking, and even praying about the world of which I dream.

I dream a world... (continued on page 2)

A Warm Welcome to Andrew Snead and Clara James!



The May Memorial congregation voted unanimously on Sunday to call Andrew Snead to the position of Music Minister!

Welcome to Clara James who has started work as May Memorial's church custodian!





Worship in the Sanctuary on Sunday

Please join us this Sunday, January 24, at 11:00 a.m. The children will meet for Extended Session. We will have safety measures in place.

If you are planning to attend would you let us know by calling the church at (804) 598-3098 and leaving a reservation? Thank you.

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where swords are beat into ploughshares, and spears into pruning hooks...

where Jesus, the Prince of Peace, rules in the hearts and minds of all the world's people...

where there is no need for abortion clinics or death row...

where we hear more news stories that are life-giving...

where we fully realize that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life...

where we finally see each other as God sees us...

where we understand that Jesus is as concerned with our life in this world as he is life in eternity...

where all children have a safe home, enough food, and parents who care for them...

where all the world's citizens are free to worship as their conscience leads them, whether I agree with them or not...

where we are grateful for all that God has given us...

where we know that we cannot end violence with violence...

where teachers and social workers are paid more than professional athletes...

where our heroes are peacemakers and not fear-peddling warmongers...

where everyone realizes their God-given potential for good in the world...

where God is not blamed for evil that happens in the world, and people no longer do harmful things in God's name...

where Christians understand that the "kingdom of God does not arrive on Air Force One, no matter who occupies it" (C. Colson)...

where we understand that we cannot make poor decisions as individuals and as a nation and always expect someone else to bail us out...

where we understand that God created the world in such a way that we reap what we sow, so we work to sow carefully...

where we know and live in the reality that God will have the final say in all things, and that God's ways are not our ways.

These are a few of my "dreams" for the world, and as I think of these and others, I am grateful that while I look to the future for their fulfillment, I know that some of these are already being realized in God's kingdom.

What are your dreams? The world you dream about, how do you see it? Maybe you can consider today that world, how God is bringing it to pass, and how God is calling you to make that world a reality in our small circle of influence.



Boomer enjoys watching May Memorial's

service online! Photo by Nancy Wood

Join Us For Sunday School on Zoom

To join by phone: Call (312) 626-6799 Enter: 871 7487 0259





Kingdom Kids Zoom Meeting

Every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. we meet online for Kingdom Kids.

To join with any phone: Call (312) 626-6799
Enter the meeting code: 277 032 1474

Bible Study on Zoom - Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

To join with any phone: Call (312) 626-6799

Enter this code: 286 978 612





CHURCH BUDGET INFORMATION

Budget Financial Statements - For the Year Ended August 31, 2020 and For the Quarter Ended November 30, 2020

These are normally shared during business meetings.

Copies of the statements will be available in the Commons Area.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR 2021

Eligible high school seniors and past recipients can pick up an application at the church office to be completed and submitted no later than March 31, 2021 for consideration by the Scholarship Committee. An application can be emailed to you if requested from the church office. New applicants should allow ample time to complete the required attachments (letter of reference, essay.) Previous recipients of scholarships may complete the application form only and update as needed. Questions should be directed to Jackie Lindsey at prindsey1@verizon.net or by phone 598-3038. Scholarship guidelines with additional information are available either from the church office or from Jackie Lindsey, committee chair. The Scholarship Fund is self-supporting and funded by contributions from members and church friends. Because church dinners with profits going to the fund are no longer possible, it is more important than ever that the fund is supported through contributions from members. Thank you for considering this worthy endeavor! Happy New Year! Scholarship Committee Lynne Bradbury, Constance Deal, Jackie Lindsey, Juston Sanudo

Thank you

I want to thank all that showed up for the undecorating of the sanctuary on Sunday. We had more than enough help. I have to admit that Gary was correct, as it took a fraction of the time to remove the decoration as it did to put it up. It warms my heart to see our congregation come together to take care of our church. - Juston Sanudo

May Memorial's Prayer List 1/18/21

CHURCH FAMILY:

Barbara Barden

Joann Cole

Bob Cox

Snead DeNoon

Nick Elam

Ester Fitch and Family

Bea & Rick Gallier

Bill Ketron

Amy Karnolt

Paul Lindsey

Fran O'Donnell

Shirley Stephens

David & Susan Terry

Earl & Janice Worsham

MILITARY:

Danny Myers, Brent Templeton, Quint Sutton, David Brizendine, Jeremiah Clift, Nelson Sutton, Justin Donnavon, Austin, Breeden, Caleb Hammer, Adam and Hunter Mitchell, Conner Terrell

HOMEBOUND PRAYER AND CONTACT LIST:

- Audrey Johnston, 3901 S. Fairway Drive, Powhatan, VA 23139
- Audrey Mann, The Laurels of Willow Oaks, 11611 Robious Road, Midlothian, 23113
- · Jean Hall, 1748 Old Powhatan Estates
- Nancy Wilkinson, 2116 Eastwood Ridge Dr., Moseley, VA 23120
- Earl and Janice Worsham, Hilltop Elder Care, 14401 Estes Lane, Amelia 23002

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Estelle Davis, Debbie Elam's mother

Lacie Baggett

Libby Gregg, daughter-in-law of Carol Gregg

Stuart Yeorge

Ben Spoon, Juli Spoon's son-in-law

Matthew Berger, friend of Joy & Juston Sanudo

Clyde Martin, brother of Esther Fitch

Sheri Sadie, Nancy Flower's Daughter

Bill Casper, Bill Karnolt's brother-in-law

Justin Yancey, Grandson of Irma Alvis

Stephanie Hay, Karen and Ray's daughter-in-law

Janie Dean

Phyllis Lester, Ed Utt's sister

Shawn Neugent, friend of the Sheltons

Lennox Family

Helen Fitzgerald, friend of Diana and B.J. Smith

Chloe, granddaughter of Amy&Bill Karnolt

Nurses, Erin and Melissa, relatives of the Karnolt's

Pam Polk Mottley, Ed Mottley's sister

Randy Kope, grandson of Les and Dianne Miller

Brian Sullivan, nephew of Mike & Bernice Koelzer

Mary, Annie Sparrow's Aunt

Mary Ann David, Debbie Elam's sister-in-law

Teresa Fields

Patricia Vermillion, Jon Flower's sister

Chuck Karnolt

Kathy Kuhn, friend of Vicki and Bob Kruschwitz

Davin Ericson, friend of the Cox's

Mike Davidson

Randy Blackwell

Family of Jim Pinkley

Family of Fred Boatwright, Amy Potter's father

Family of Clifton Carter, brother of Gladys Rabon

Jenny Johnson, friend of Kerri Bilthuis

Ruth Boatwright

January/February Birthdays

18 - Janice Worsham 21 - Jane Duncan 22 - Sandra Cowles 24 - Dianne Blandford 29 - H.C. Smith 29 - Anna Edwards

30 - Carla Crump

8 - Rudy Potter 8 - Ed Utt 10 - Juli Spoon 10 - Mike Koelzer 15 - Debbie Mottley 17 - Judy Martin 23 - Lester Oberg

Our Gifts to our Lord Week of January 17, 2021

Regular Offering \$4,203.00
Benevolence 20.00
Building Fund 250.00
Scholarships 25.00
Special Offering 50.00 (piano fund)
Total \$4,548.00

Scholarships in Memory of Bob Cosby Cindy Wilkinson