



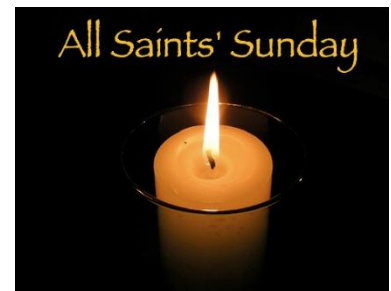
May Memorial Baptist Church

Newsletter 10-19-20

Reaching...Teaching...Touching...in the Heart of Powhatan
3922 Old Buckingham Road
In the Heart of the Courthouse Village (804) 598-3098

All Saint's Sunday - November 1

On Sunday, November 1, during the 11am worship service the church family of May Memorial will rejoice and honor our family members and friends who have passed away over the last year. This will be a time to remember and rejoice for the lives and faith of those who have led by word and example in our community's journey of faith. You may email a picture here or bring it by the church office where we can scan it. We will add onto the photo slideshow from last year, if your picture was included last year, we still have it.



Church Picnic



Fall Picnic and Lighthouse Parade - October 25

Join us Sunday October 25th at 4pm, for our Fall Picnic in the May Memorial parking lot. There will be contests for best "trunk decoration" as well as a youth and adult costume contest. Additionally, there will be a pumpkin decoration/carving competition (bring your supplies, pumpkins will be provided). Prizes will be given out for the most creative trunks, costumes, and pumpkins. This event will lead right into the Lighthouse Parade where the kids, and kids-at-heart, will parade through the Courthouse area in their costumes. Due to pandemic, this will be a "bring your own" picnic event. So, bring your dinner or your grill, your lawn chairs and your creativity as we fellowship and celebrate God's gift of the fall season.

From the Pastor

Not Normal

August 2 was the day, it was the first Sunday we regathered in our Sanctuary. We were worshipping online-only since Sunday, March 15, and finally on August 2 we were “online-only” no more, but physically present for worship in “the church.” I looked forward to that day with great expectation, and my heart was full of joy when we finally regathered.

Before Sunday, August 2nd, the Regathering Team stated clearly: it will not be the same. There were to be differences in the “mechanics” of worship and gathering, and when we came to worship we should not expect it to be as it was on Sunday, March 8. I heard that statement from the Regathering Team, and I repeated that word of caution. But it didn’t really sink in with me. I was focused on the joy of regathering in our sanctuary.

Yesterday was our tenth Sunday back in our sanctuary, twelve weeks since August 2 minus two Sundays we went “online only.” And being twelve weeks into this phase of regathering, I understand what is meant by “it will not be the same.” Church is different than it was. I feel it, and you probably do too.

One church leader observed about the pandemic, “we thought it was going to be a snowstorm and it has ended up being an ice age.” For the church, we are in an ice age of “not normal.”

There are many suggestions as to what we should do during this “ice age of not normal.” Some point to a “virtual age” for the church. That the new-found media capabilities are the future of church life, that buildings owned by church families are quickly fading into the past. Others suggest (by their behavior) that we should simply ignore the seriousness of COVID 19. There are churches doing with, with no social distancing, no masks, and full-on congregational singing. Behind this is the erroneous belief that we may behave as we like for “God will take care of us.” And I do believe that God will take care of us, but maybe the way He’s doing that is by giving us good experts to help us find our way through this Pandemic.

But for me, with all the options, I think during this “ice age of not normal” we have an opportunity to adjust our expectations considering what is most fundamental to the Church. What are the things that we must keep doing in order to continue the mission God’s has given us?

First, we continue to worship. To pray, hear God’s Word, and offer our praise to God.

Second, we continue to be on mission. Showing love and support for our community, teachers, Food Pantry, etc.

Third, we continue to be formed as faithful disciples. We continue to have Sunday School and Wednesday night Bible Study so we may hear scripture together and be formed by God’s written word together.

Fourth, we continue to provide opportunities for fellowship. This has been a “slower start” for us at May Memorial, but opportunities are on the calendar, such as the Tailgating-Style Church Picnic.

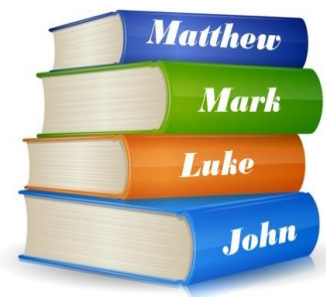
Fifth, we continue to demonstrate hospitality, love for strangers, who enter our fellowship.

These are foundational to our life together as a church, whether the time be “normal” or we continue to be in the “ice age of not normal.” And these things we continue to do.

Do not lose heart. God is still speaking to us. God still calls us. And God still leads us. God is with us, and we are still God’s people, however strange this “ice age” may be.

Join Us for Sunday School on Zoom

Beginning Sunday, October 25th, we will begin our discussion of the Gospel according to Mark. Mark is by far the shortest Gospel, and likely the first one Christians knew. What should we make of it? It begins and ends rather abruptly; it repeats (similar) stories and jams other stories together; its language is ordinary and rough, not elevated; its herky-jerky story-telling style can be off-putting; it is full of mystery. We’ll study this amazing book a few chapters at a time, the way early Christians probably read it. The discussion will lead us through the end of Pentecost. Come join us every Sunday at 9:15 am on Zoom as we fellowship and grow as Christians.



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

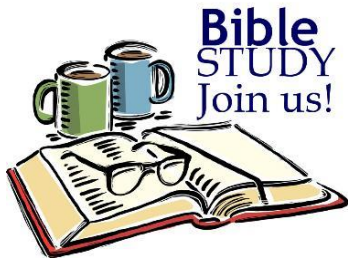


Extended Session Has Begun!

We will take every precaution and meet outside...weather permitting. Parents can drop K-5th graders off with me in the parking lot near the Youth House. Let them dress more casually if you'd like! We will play, craft, and study about Jesus! It will last the full worship hour. Please have kids bring masks.



Enjoy these pictures from last Sunday's Extended Session as well as the youth creating Light Houses!



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

Connecting to the World...Missions



Small Mission Projects through November

This week, Monday, Oct 19, to Sunday, Oct 25, we will be collecting the 3 cents a meal offering and a can of soup for the food pantry.

The following 2 weeks, Oct. 26 to Nov. 8, we will concentrate on the Thanksgiving Complete Meal for the food pantry.
Complete Meal Details:

The Powhatan Coalition of Churches will be hosting the Complete Meal through the Food Pantry.

BAG ITEMS BELOW: Please Double Bag.

- 1 – 40 OZ. CAN OF YAMS OR SWEET POTATOES
- 1 – 13 OZ. BOX OF MASHED POTATOES
- 1 – 16 OZ. CAN OF CRANBERRY SAUCE
- 2 – 15 OZ. CANS OF CORN
- 2 – 15 OZ. CANS OF GREEN VEGETABLES
- 1 – 10 OZ. CAN OF GRAVY
- 2 – 6 OZ. PKGS. OF STUFFING MIX
- 1 – BOX OF HOT CHOCOLATE
- 1 – SMALL BOX OR JAR OF ICE TEA/BAGS
- 1 – COMPLETE FAMILY DESSERT ITEM

Donations of a \$10.00 Food Lion Gift Cards would also be appreciated. Please add one to your bag, if possible. Clients will be able to purchase meat or other necessary items for their meal.

Point of collection and distribution is at Powhatan Food Pantry located at 2500 Batterson Road on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00 to 12:00 noon. We are now accepting donations throughout November. If you are not able to fill a Complete Thanksgiving Meal bag, any partial or monetary donations are always welcome. Checks may be made out to: Powhatan Food Pantry and sent to the treasurer, Theresa Fields at 1520 Swiftwood Drive, Powhatan, Va 23139

Starting on November 9 through Nov. 22 we will be collecting for the Pregnancy Resource Center. More details soon.
Copies are also available in the Commons Area.

Prayer List 10/19/20

CHURCH FAMILY:

Barbara Barden
Susie Brock
Joann Cole
Bob Cosby
Bob Cox
Snead DeNoon
Lee Duncan
Nick Elam
Ester Fitch and Family
Bea Gallier
Rick Gallier
Bill Ketron
Bernice Koelzer
Paul Lindsey
Fran O'Donnell
Jim Pinkley
David&Susan
Terry
Frances Tilman
Harry Wheeler
Nancy Wilkinson
Earl Worsham
Janice Worsham

MILITARY:

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

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
Jeff Crews, Susie Brock's brother-in-law
Sheri Sadie, Nancy Flower's Daughter
Sharon Baltimore, friend of the Bradbury's
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
Logan Cook, grandson of Wilford and Linda Poore.
Pam Polk Mottley, Ed Mottley's sister
Randy Kope, grandson of Les and Dianne Miller
Brian Sullivan, nephew of Mike and Bernice Koelzer
Mary, Annie Sparrow's Aunt
Matt Bennett
Mary Ann David, Debbie Elam's sister-in-law
Teresa Fields
Lisa Davis, Glady's Rabon's daughter
Brenden McMullan, the Cox's grandson
Patricia Vermillion, Jon Flower's sister
Emily, Gene & Sandy Parker's daughter
Chuck Karnolt
Kathy Kuhn, friend of Vicki and Bob Kruschwitz
Brian McMullan, the Cox's son
Davin Ericson (liver transplant from Brian McMullan)

HOMEBOUND PRAYER AND CONTACT LIST:

Janice Worsham, Westport Rehab. Center., 7300 Forest Ave, Room 213, Richmond 23226
Frances Tilman, 3904 Old Buckingham Rd
Audrey Johnston, 3901 S. Fairway Drive, Powhatan, VA 23139
Audrey Mann, The Laurels of Willow Oaks, 11611 Robious Road, Midlothian, 23113
Jim Pinkley, Currently with Billy and Marlis Kruschwitz
Jean Hall, 1748 Old Powhatan Estates

October Birthdays



19 – Clara Emerson
19 - Bill Karnolt
20- Jessica Cave
23 - Janet Allen
24- Pat Cover
27- Bill Boelt
27 - Becky Thomas
31- Amy Karnolt
31 - Gary Cowles

Financial Information

Our Gifts to our Lord

Regular Offering	\$ 3,935.50
Scholarships	25.00
Special Offering (lighting fixtures)	125.00
Total	\$ 4,085.50