



Newsletter 12-7-2020

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

From the Pastor...John the Baptist

You cannot get to Christmas without John the Baptist. Of course, if a person simply celebrates “culture’s Christmas” it is possible, but biblically, theologically, and liturgically, it is not possible to reach the Christ Child in the Manger without first encountering John the Baptist.

In Mark, Luke, and John we see John before or simultaneously with Jesus. Matthew includes John the Baptizer immediately after the Holy Family returns from Egypt. John is a part of the Christmas story, and his role is unique: to introduce Jesus.

He is not your “normal” guy, he is rough around the edges, and he does not fit into the traditional religious establishment. But with his camel hair clothes and diet of grasshoppers, he calls us to get ready, to prepare our lives for the coming of the Messiah.

John the Baptizer is not present in our nativity scenes we place around our homes, but he is there. He is calling us to get ready, to get our lives in order, because a baby is coming that will change everything.

This Sunday in worship we will hear from John the Baptizer who brings an important Advent message. Get ready. Prepare your heart. Clean out and make room. One is coming who will take over your life, and we must be ready.

Advent and Christmas for the May Memorial Family



***Advent Hospitality: A Gift from the Home... (of name)
Through December 25***

Consisting of artwork, music, Christmas symbols and decorations, and readings, these gifts will come from members of the May Memorial family and will be sent out each morning during Advent.

Sunday, December 20

YouTube Premiere Children’s Christmas Pageant

The pageant will premiere on YouTube and in our sanctuary (video presentation) at 3:00. The sanctuary premiere is offered for those who do not have access to YouTube, although anyone can attend.

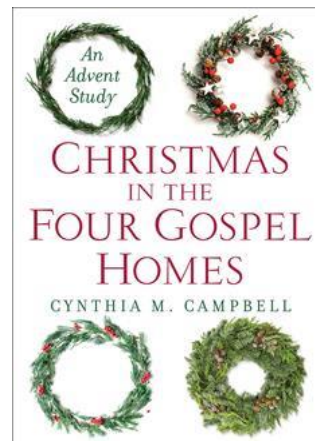
Thursday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

11:00 a.m., YouTube Premiere Service in the MMBC Sanctuary, made available especially for those without a computer or access to YouTube, although anyone can attend.

4:00 p.m., MMBC Christmas Eve Worship on YouTube Premiere. This will be an online worship service much like our worship services while in early pandemic weeks.

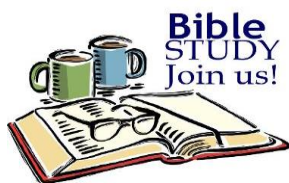
Join Us For Sunday School on Zoom

During the four Sundays of Advent this year, November 29 through December 20, travel with the Zoom Sunday School to some ‘houses’ decorated quite differently for the birth of Jesus—the four “Gospel homes” of Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John! Bob Kruschwitz and Juston Sanudo will be team teaching the study. Our guide will be Cynthia M. Campbell, *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2019). Copies of this book are available in the church office and from online booksellers. “The purpose of our journey is to experience what Christmas means from [each Gospel’s] perspective and how Christmas is celebrated there,” Campbell writes. Each week’s study features a house drawing by architect Kevin Burns, who offers his own interpretation of how each Gospel welcomes us to “reflect on the mystery of Jesus, Son of God, born of Mary.” Please join in the Zoom Sunday School class each Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m., or view it afterwards online through the May Memorial YouTube channel.



To join by phone about 9:15: Call (312) 626-6799 Enter: 871 7487 0259

Connecting to Each Other...Fellowship



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



Kingdom Kids Zoom Meeting

Every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. we meet online for our Kingdom Kids program and fun!

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

JESSE TREE
DEVOTIONAL



Jesse Tree Devotional

If you would like a copy of the devotional which has all the information for making the Jesse Tree, you may contact Ashley Edwards by calling her at (804) 586-0652.

Connecting to the World...Missions



Christmas Mission Project

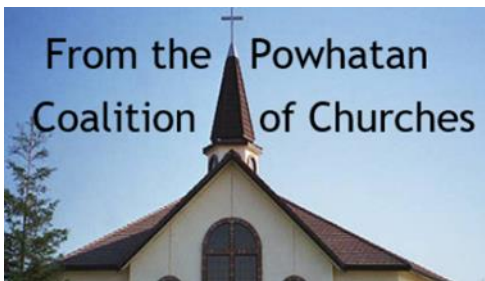
Standing Rock Indian Reservation—This year before Christmas we will be joining with Baptists across Virginia collecting gifts cards for children in the Cannon Ball on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in North Dakota. WMU of Virginia staff (who are at Standing Rock) will shop for each child using the gift cards so the children there will receive what they need this Christmas. Please bring gift cards on our **collection date of December 13 during Worship** from Dollar Tree, Amazon, Walmart or Target. While any amount is appreciated, a \$25 gift card will sponsor one individual child at Standing Rock.

Sandy Shelton and Nancy Wood deliver the Christmas Mother gifts prepared by members of the Rachael Circle.



Food Pantry Ministry

The Food Pantry team will meet at the Powhatan Food Pantry on Saturday, December 19 at 9:30 a.m.



From the Coalition of Churches

Gospel Light Baptist Churches, Under The Bridge Ministry is in need of items for their homeless ministry: Coats, Hats, Gloves, Scarves, bookbags and duffle bags. Items can be dropped on the porch of GLBC before January 1st. Their contact information is: Travis L. Keith - Senior Pastor, 2109 Anderson Highway, Powhatan, Virginia 23139. 804-794-7054 or 804-516-4772. Website: www.glbcpva.org Thank you so much!

December Birthdays



7 - Ray Crump
7 - Karen Hay
8 - Jeanan Krueger
16 - Nancy Gillespie
18 - Phyllis Anderson

18- Laura Edwards
19- Dawana Sheppard
19- Ken Jamerson
22- Robin Mead
22-Lisa O'Donnell

Thank you

To My Church Family,

To say thank you is not enough. As my mother would say to us: "I don't deserve it", you made my 90th birthday such a surprise and blessing.

Ninety years is a long time. I've truly been blessed with good times and rough roads. Through my faith and trust in God, he has always brought me through all circumstances I have faced. My special thanks to Margaret, Kenneth, Tricia and Ewell, who made all this possible.

God bless each one of you and I love you!

Love,

Dot Wilkins

Announcements

2021 Offering Envelopes will be placed on a table in the Commons Area. You are welcome to come by the church during office hours to pick them up. Office hours are Monday to Thursday 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (doors are locked during lunch 12:00 to 12:30). The church office will be closed on 12/29 and 12/30.

Poinsettias will not be placed in the Sanctuary this year. Those who have already purchased plants have been contacted concerning reimbursement. Contact the church office if you have any questions.

Financial Information

Our Gifts to our Lord

Week of December 6, 2020

Regular Offering	\$ 4,543.64
Memorials	60.00
Scholarships	250.00
Special Offering	20.00

Total	\$ 4,873.64
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Memorials in memory of Frances Tilman

Deborah Corbitt for Kay's Krafters

May Memorial's Prayer List 12/7/20

CHURCH FAMILY:

Barbara Barden
Susie Brock
Joann Cole
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
Shirley Stephens
David&Susan
Terry
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 & Bernice Koelzer
Mary, Annie Sparrow's Aunt
Mary Ann David, Debbie Elam's sister-in-law
Teresa Fields
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
Davin Ericson, friend of the Cox's
Stephanie Prentice, Nancy Flower's granddaughter
Stuart Howard and Bre
Sue Ellen Hresan, Nancy Richard's sister
Fred Boatwright, Amy Potter's father
Helen Dean
Mike Davidson
Family of Matt Bennett
Family of Lee Clay
Randy Blackwell
Family of Bob Cosby

HOMEBOUND PRAYER AND CONTACT LIST:

- Janice and Earl Worsham, Auburn Hill Senior Living, 5800 Harbour Ln, Midlothian, VA 23112
- 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