



Welcome to our new Music Minister!

On Sunday, January 17 May Memorial voted unanimously to call Mr. Andrew Snead as our church's Minister of Music. Andrew begins his service to God at May Memorial today, and this Sunday will be his first Sunday in worship as Minister of Music. It is with great joy and excitement that we welcome Andrew as our Minister of Music.



Andrew C. Snead is a life-long church musician, educator, conductor and arts administrator. His work in music and worship ministry has included direction of choral and instrumental ensembles, coordinating creative elements of worship services, worship leadership and speaking. Andrew serves as the Lead Teacher for Performing Arts in the Powhatan County Public Schools; in this capacity he provides artistic, and administrative direction for the K-12 program, which has led to Powhatan's designation as one of the Best Communities for Music Education in each year of his leadership. As a music educator Mr. Snead has taught at the elementary, middle, high school and collegiate levels in choral and instrumental settings, and currently directs instrumental ensembles at Powhatan Middle and High School, with his brother Nicholas.

From the Pastor

A "Missed Frustration" and Andrew Snead

I will share with you a frustration, actually, a missed frustration. In our "normal world" of May Memorial Church, it is common for me to not be able to begin the sermon on some Sundays until forty, even forty-five minutes into the worship service. When this happened, I would be quickly thinking of how I could make spur of the moment edits so we would be hearing the benediction as few minutes after noon as possible. Over the past eleven months, this has not been the case.

When this late starting sermon happened in worship there may have been several contributing factors. Sometimes, it was because I took too much time for announcements. Sometimes the Children's Sermon went a little long. Sometimes there was a testimony. (Continued on page 2...)

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But most often it was because of the music. The combination of three or four hymns, a choral anthem, a solo, a chorus before or after a prayer. It adds up. And we would be forty-five minutes into worship before the sermon would begin.

I had not thought about this since the pandemic began and worship has been so different for us. But as I thought about it, I confess that I miss that tension. And the reason late-starting sermons happened so often is clear: music is very important to us. Choral anthems, congregational singing, a sung prayer response, piano, guitar, organ.

To state the obvious, this has all changed because of a virus that is passed from person to person by our breath, the aerosol that comes from our mouth when we speak and especially when we sing.

I understand the reason for our adjustment, but I miss the music. And honestly, worship is not the same and it never will be the same, without singing, especially congregationally. Music made up a large portion of our worship service, and without it things just don't "feel" the same.

Today is Andrew Snead's first day as May Memorial's Minister of Music. Andrew is a "life-long" church musician, and has served the Church as a Music Minister since he graduated from college. Actually, he has only served one church before coming to us today, a church where he is now greatly missed. I am grateful today that he is now with us, his former congregation's loss is our gain. Because I believe as we are rounding the corner of this pandemic, and as we at May Memorial start putting the pieces back together of our "song," Andrew is the person to lead us through this time. His leadership, his skill, his practiced talent, and his musical sensitivity is a gift from God to the May Memorial family for this particular time, and my prayer is that it is for years to come.

When church musicians gather, I have found that there are a few select hymns that they sing that aren't always "accessible" to the average church congregation. These are big hymns, hymns with long phrases that soar with energy and motion, and church musicians, when worshipping together allow those hymns to raise the rafters. One of those is Fred Pratt Green's text "When In our Music God is Glorified," which is sung to the tune ENGELBERG. As Andrew comes on staff as our Minister of Music, I have been thinking of this hymn anew this morning. Three of the five stanzas proclaim:

When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!

How oft, in making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!

Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise;
let all rejoice who have a voice to raise;
and may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!

I long for a worship service filled with music so that I'm starting sermons at 11:40 again. I'm ready to cut the sermon length that we may sing. I'm ready to grab a hand and sing *Blest Be the Tie* after communion. I'm ready to hear you all sing again. The day is coming, be hopeful. Be patient. God has brought Andrew and Peter to us so we will be ready to sing with joy when that day comes. May we be tuning our instruments and preparing to raise our voice to always sing Alleluia!

Connecting to God...Worship



Worship in the Sanctuary on Sunday

Please join us this Sunday, February 14, at 11:00 a.m. The children will meet for Extended Session and we will have a nursery. Safety measures are in place.



Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, February 17

6:30 p.m., Church Sanctuary



Easter Worship on Sunday April 4

May Memorial will hold two worship services on this day. One at 9:00 a.m. and one at 11:00 a.m.

In between the two services there will be a Children's Egg Hunt.



Sunday School - New Session

The Letter of James is often neglected in the New Testament, but it is filled with Christian insight. It has much to teach us about God's grace and our faithful response in the Church. The moral instruction in James often comes alive through vivid illustrations, pithy parables, and trenchant sayings. No wonder, then, it's been called the "wisdom" book of the New Testament.

Join us by Zoom on Sunday mornings at 9:15 beginning February 14 for seven thematic studies in James. Or watch these discussions on the May Memorial YouTube channel at your convenience.

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

Connecting to Each Other...Fellowship



Youth Movie Night and Firepit Feb. 14

The youth will get together at the Wood's home at 5:30 until 8 p.m. All youth are welcome to join!



Wednesday Night Gathering

Lenten Series Led by Bob Kruschwitz

Wednesdays at 6:30 via Zoom

February 24 – March 31

To join with any phone: Call (312) 626-6799 Enter this code: 286 978 612

The "Stained Glass Window" series has been recorded and can be viewed on our website at maymemorialchurch.org on the "Wednesday Night Gatherings" page.



Kingdom Kids Zoom Meeting

Every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. we meet online for our Kingdom Kids program and fun! Join Zoom Meeting by clicking this link, then follow the directions by Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2770321474>

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

Enter the meeting code: 277 032 1474



Save the Date - Youth Mission Madness

Mission Madness in a Box. March 13-14 More information to be shared later.

Connecting to the World...Missions



Life Savers for Life Savers! Our new mission project is to purchase stainless steel coffee mugs and fill those with Life Savers for every deputy in Powhatan County. You can bring (name brand) Life Savers to the church office (or worship), you can also donate for the cost of the mugs. They are \$7 each, and you are encouraged to give to buy several for this project. If you write a check to purchase mugs, write "Life Savers" on the memo line. Place cash in an envelope with "Life Savers" written on the outside. Powhatan has 43 full time and 10 part time deputies. Help us be a blessing to our "life savers!"

Announcements



Church Insurance

On Thursday, March 11, at 2 p.m. Sandra Shelton will hold a meeting at May Memorial to review the Sanford Insurance policy.

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. Questions should be directed to Jackie Lindsey at prlindsey1@verizon.net or by phone 598-3038.

Scholarship Committee

Lynne Bradbury, Constance Deal, Jackie Lindsey, Juston Sanudo

February Birthdays



8 - Rudy Potter

8 - Ed Utt

10 - Juli Spoon

10 - Mike Koelzer

15 - Debbie Mottley

17 - Judy Martin

23 - Lester Oberg

Financial Information



Our Gifts to our Lord Week of February 7, 2021

Regular Offering	\$ 4,592.50
A Time to Build	50.00
Benevolence	20.00
Scholarships	50.00
Special Offering	209.00
Total	\$ 4,921.50

May Memorial's Prayer List 2/8/21

CHURCH FAMILY:

Barbara Barden
Joann Cole
Bob Cox
Snead DeNoon
Nick Elam
Ester Fitch and Family
Bea & Rick Gallier
Bill Ketron
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

HOMEBOUNDED 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, 18507 Harrison's Road, Amelia Court House, VA 23002

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Estelle Davis, Debbie Elam's mother
Lacie Baggett
Libby Gregg, daughter-in-law of Carol Gregg
Ami Gregg, daughter-in-law of Carol Gregg
Stuart Yeorge
Ben Spoon, Juli Spoon's son-in-law
Matthew Berger, friend of Joy & Juston Sanudo
Sheri Sadie, Nancy Flower's Daughter
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
Pam Polk Mottley, Ed Mottley's sister
Mary, Annie Sparrow's Aunt
Mary Ann David, Debbie Elam's sister-in-law
Teresa Fields
Kathy Kuhn, friend of Vicki and Bob Kruschwitz
Davin Ericson, friend of the Cox's
Mike Davidson
Randy Blackwell
Jenny Johnson, friend of Kerri Bilthuis
Ruth Boatwright
Kaye Edwards, Michael Edwards mother
Sandra Williams, family member of Carol & Irvin Wms
Freda Kovalchik, Judy Ketron's mother
Family of Patricia Vermillion, Jon Flower's sister
Randy Kope, Grandson of Les and Diane Miller
Michael Bryant, friend of David & Constance Deal
Family of Brian Sullivan, nephew of the Koelzer's
James Carwile — Esther Fitch
Clyde Martin — Esther Fitch
Randolph Martin — Esther Fitch