

May Memorial Baptist Church



*Reaching...Teaching...Touching...in the Heart of
Powhatan*

3922 Old Buckingham Road

In the Heart of the Courthouse Village

(804) 598-3098

Newsletter March 1, 2021



Virtual Choir Rehearsal

Virtual Choir Rehearsal will begin on Tuesday, 3-2 at 6:30 pm. After nearly a year away from choral music, this option serves as a way to connect choir members, and make music from the safety and comfort of one's own home.

The Zoom link to join is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81330233432>

Handbell Choir

If you are interested in participating in handbell choir please email Andrew at maymemorialmusic@gmail.com



From the Pastor

May Memorial COVID Vaccine Clinic

This past Wednesday I had just left my parent's home in North Carolina to drive home when I got a call from a Christian leader in our community. He began telling me about an opportunity for churches in our community, including May Memorial, to receive our COVID vaccines. As a child I was taught that "if it seems too good to be true it normally is." I asked a lot of questions, and I was a little skeptical. But in the end, nearly 230 who signed up with us were able to receive the first dose of our COVID vaccine yesterday. (cont. on page 2)

(cont. from page 1) First, my heart is grateful for the Christian leader and his including us in the opportunity yesterday. He did not have to include us. I have respected and admired him over the past nine years, and we as a Christian community have worshiped and served together in many capacities during this time. He was God's instrument to bring a tremendous blessing to our church family.

Second, we owe a word of gratitude to Diana Schmitz, who faithfully works as our church secretary. Last Wednesday when I got off the phone, I immediately called Diana and told her about it. She immediately started working to set up the platform that we used to take reservations so when I sent out the email later that afternoon, we would be ready. From that time until Sunday morning Diana worked to check and return emails, find information, and update our ever-changing list. Diana was reading emails at 5:00 in the morning and late into the night, and because of her work (that lasted far beyond office hours) everyone who replied (by the deadline, and many who replied after the deadline) received a COVID vaccine. Thank you, Diana!

Finally, yesterday at the clinic May Memorial sent volunteers to ensure that it ran smoothly. Gary and Sandra Cowles, Jay Givens, Constance Deal, Dawna Minton, Nancy Wood, Juston Sanudo, Beverley Edwards, Jeff and Lisa O'Donnell worked from early afternoon until the clinic was complete, long after the May Memorial folks had passed through. Their hard work was an example of Christ-like service, and I am grateful for them.

Last Sunday, February 21, I was having a "poor me" moment. I told Beverley that one of the toughest things about church life during the pandemic has been that we haven't had any "wins." A win would be something like our Christmas Eve worship, or a community Thanksgiving Service, a choir loft full of singers presenting a beautiful anthem, Passport camp, Operation Inasmuch, a profession of faith, or a baptism. This statement wasn't true at all, it was really just a little pity party I was throwing for myself, because we have had "wins" during the pandemic, and many of them. And yet when I hung up the phone with this past Wednesday morning I immediately thought of my statement and that conversation. However inaccurate my statement was, yesterday was a win. It was a win because those who were vaccinated (and who continue to be vaccinated in our county) will not lose their life to this tragic disease. It was a win that will again allow grandparents to hug their grandchildren. It was a win that individuals can continue going to work without the fear they will be infected with this disease. And it is a win in getting us back into the sanctuary in a more normal way. It was a win for our community, and it demonstrated to many people that we care enough about our wider community to include them in our church family to receive a COVID vaccine with us. We didn't have to spread the tent that wide, but we did, and God blessed us with enough spots.

One of my favorite quotes is from South African Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu. In describing the terrible time of apartheid and the struggle for equality in his country, he said "and just when we thought we couldn't even catch our next breath, the God of all surprises played his most amazing card." Yesterday was an amazing card.

Second Dose Questions, what we know today:

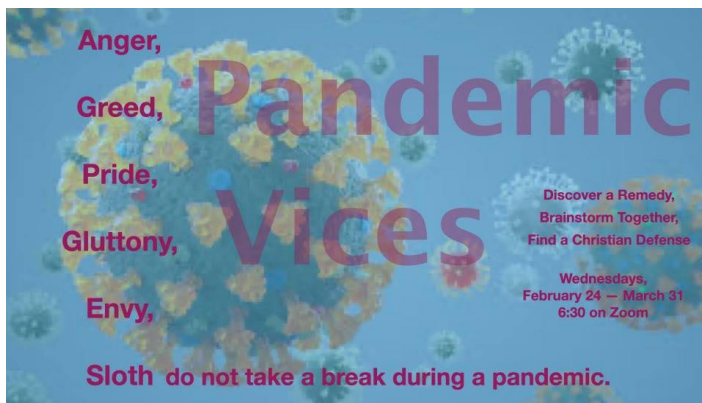
Pastor Michael was informed on Sunday that **they** (the Covid Clinic) will contact each person individually about the 2nd shot at the email address provided on your paperwork.

If we hear anything else from them that is helpful to everyone, we will contact you.

Also you may want to be proactive. In the paperwork they provided, there is a way to sign up for a text message reminder on your iphone for the second shot. You may want to read through that paperwork and set that up.

Hope that helps!

Diana



Wednesday Night
Gathering
“The Pandemic Vices”
by Bob Kruschwitz
Wednesdays on Zoom, 6:30
Join by phone! See highlighted area

Those distortions of love, the capital vices or deadly sins, don't take a vacation during a pandemic. Instead, they change their wily attacks our lives. Things like anger, greed, gluttony, envy, vainglory, and acedia (or sloth) manifest in new ways during times of anxiety and loneliness.

On each of the six Wednesday nights of Lent, we'll explore one of the vices and examine how it manifests during the pandemic. And drawing from a figure in the Christian tradition, we'll discover a remedy and brainstorm together our defense.

To join us click the link <https://zoom.us/j/286978612> on your computer or mobile device and the Zoom meeting will automatically open.

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



Worship in the Sanctuary on Sunday

Please join us this Sunday, March 7, at 11:00 a.m. The children will meet for Extended Session and we will have a nursery. Safety measures are in place.



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.

Connecting to Each Other...Fellowship



Sunday School - The Letter of James – Join by phone!

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

To join the Zoom session at 9:15 a.m. Click the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87174870259> and Zoom Sunday School will automatically open.

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 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



Youth Mission Madness

Mission Madness in a Box. March 13-14

Saturday we will meet at the youth house at 10:30 am for breakfast and Bible study. We will then head over to the Habitat for Humanity to make inspirational wooden signs and put together Easter baskets for their older clients. We will come back to the youth house and have lunch, a closing Bible Study and end for the day at 3:00.

On Sunday after worship, we will have lunch at the youth house and a Bible study time, then head to Walmart to buy supplies for the Powhatan Animal Shelter. We will be done by 3:00 on Sunday afternoon and there will not be Soul Food that night.

MISSIONS

...at home and around the world



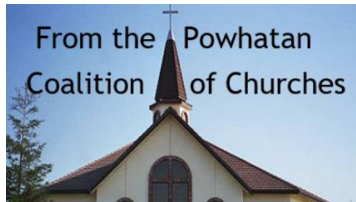
The Shelton's have been gifted a car by their friend who has recently gone to live at Bon Air Crossings. We accepted the car with the intention of selling it and donating the proceeds to 3 charities, Lonesome Dove, The free Clinic and Habitat for Humanity, in memory of her son Stacy E. Heuple an Army veteran. Please help us find a buyer.

NISSON VERSA 5 DOOR – RED
72,500 MILES EXCELLENT CONDITION
\$6,500.00

Thank you! Sandy&Francis Shelton 804 598 3364



Life Savers for Life Savers! 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. We will donate these to Powhatan "life savers". Powhatan has 43 full time and 10 part time deputies.



From the Powhatan Coalition of Churches

The Coalition of Powhatan Churches is looking for someone who can help **manage the Powhatan Food Pantry**. We need someone to help schedule volunteers, prepare reports for Feedmore, work at the pantry during serving hours to help volunteers when needed, and help train volunteers, also occasional shopping for needed items. If you are interested in this please contact Theresa Fields by email

- powfields@comcast.net -
or phone 804-389-9136. Thank you.

The Powhatan Food Pantry is **in need of a van in good condition**. If you know of one that can be donated or purchased at a reasonable price, please contact Michael Edwards at revmkedwards@gmail.com or 804-598-3098.

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

Financial Information

Our Gifts to our Lord Week of February 28, 2021

Regular Offering	\$3,281.50
A Time to Build	50.00
Scholarships	25.00
Special Offering	251.00
Total	\$3,607.50

May Memorial's Prayer List 3/1/21

CHURCH FAMILY:

Barbara Barden
 Joann Cole
 Bob Cox
 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

HOMEBOUND 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
 Randy Kope, Grandson of Les and Diane Miller
 Michael Bryant, friend of David & Constance Deal
 James Carwile — Esther Fitch
 Clyde Martin — Esther Fitch
 Randolph Martin — Esther Fitch
 Family of Ethan Edwards, Ashley Edwards's nephew
 Lisa Davis, Gladys Rabon's daughter
 Carol Cardwell, friend of Williams'
 Calvin Harris - brother of Carol Williams

March Birthdays

5- Jane Ware
 6- Cheryl Vrooman
 9 - Bob Cox
 10 - Tom Seaman
 11 - Carol Williams
 13 - Stuart Matthews

13 - Joan Cosby
 13 - Cindy Wilkinson
 15 - Anne Gillespie
 16 - Lyle Saxton
 17- Sharon Labons
 17 - Billy Kruschwitz