

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 8, 2021



Virtual Choir Rehearsal

Virtual Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

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.

Here is the Zoom link to join on Tuesday

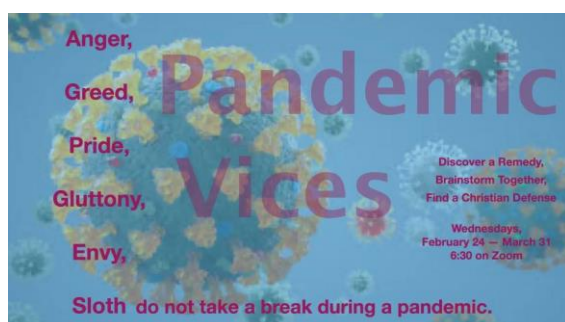
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81330233432>



Small Ensembles Practice

The choir small ensembles will meet at 4:00 p.m. each Wednesday at the church. Contact Andrew Snead if you would like to join!

For Our Homebound Members - DVD's of our worship services will be available soon for our homebound members. If you want to receive one each week please let the church office know. If you do not have a DVD player, one of our deacons will provide one and set it up if needed.



Wednesday Night Gathering

**“The Pandemic Vices”
by Bob Kruschwitz
Wednesdays on Zoom, 6:30
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THE PANDEMIC VICIS (CONTNUED FROM PAGE 1)

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 use 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 14, at 11:00 a.m. The children will meet for Extended Session and we will have a nursery. Safety measures are in place.

If you are planning to attend would you let us know by leaving a reservation. Thank you.



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



Rachael Circle Zoom Meeting

The Rachael Circle invites all ladies to join the meeting and catch up with others in the church.

Tuesday at noon on Zoom!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88464513084?pwd=VWVjaU9CWtJXbnMzak1ZSERnSy9Mdzo9>

By Phone: 312 626 6799 US

Passcode: 544727

MISSION MADNESS

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.



Sunday School - The Letter of James

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.

(Youtube channel can be reached by [clicking here](#))

To join the Zoom session at 9:15 a.m. Click the

link: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/87174870259> and Zoom Sunday School will automatically open. To join by phone:

Call (312) 626-6799 Enter: 871 7487 0259



Children's Egg Hunt!

On Easter Sunday, April 4, the children will have an Easter egg hunt following the 9:00 a.m. worship service.



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://uso2web.zoom.us/j/2770321474>

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

Enter the meeting code: 277 032 1474

Connecting to the World...Missions



Easter Goodie Bags for Homebound...

...and those not feeling comfortable to return to church just yet.

From March 8 through 28 we will be collecting the following for a small goodie bag:

- Peeps in the 4 pack only (larger packs won't fit in the bag)
- Starburst Jelly beans in snack size zip lock bags
- Small Chocolate Bunny or Lamb
- Cookies individually wrapped
- Hard butterscotch candy individually wrapped
- Any type of individually wrapped treat or candy will be welcome

Thank you to all who contributed to the "Lifesavers for Lifesavers" project. The mugs filled with Lifesavers will be delivered to our Sheriffs office by Monday, March 8!

Announcements

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

Easter Lilies - The May Memorial Family will be taking orders for Easter lilies. Each lily is \$14.00. Payment is expected when you order. Please make out your check to May Memorial Baptist Church. [A form is attached to the end of this Newsletter.](#)

You may mail to May Memorial Baptist Church at P. O. Box 56, Powhatan, VA 23139. You may also place in the offering plate, deliver to the finance office or place in the brass box outside the church office.

Please act quickly. We need all orders and payment by March 22.

Thank you.

May Memorial and COVID 19

In April the Board of Deacons appointed a Re-Gathering Team to guide May Memorial through the decisions dealing with our Church Family's safety and COVID 19. The Team meets regularly and is made up of Gary Cowles, Chair, Michael Edwards, Dawana Sheppard, Ed Utt, Matt O'Quinn, Nancy Wood, Lisa O'Donnell, Debbie Howard, and Jay Givens.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Is May Memorial Worshiping in the Sanctuary? Yes! We are worshiping in our sanctuary and online each Sunday morning. Since regathering in August the Re-Gathering Team has cancelled sanctuary worship a couple of times because of increased cases of COVID 19 in our church family and COVID test results that were pending. Online worship has happened every Sunday.

Will the Re-Gathering Team cancel sanctuary worship again? No one knows the future, but the re-gathering team senses that sanctuary worship will not be canceled again.

Are any safety precautions being observed in Worship? Yes. We keep a distance of at least 6 feet and everyone is asked to wear a face covering. We also have found other ways to reduce the risk of transmission such as not passing objects from one person to another and refraining from congregational singing during this time.

When will other church activities resume? The Re-Gathering Team meets regularly to evaluate the COVID metrics, state guidelines, and our safety. As the numbers and positivity rate improve more and more activities will be "in-person" at May Memorial Church. In addition to in-person worship, we also are providing other "in-person" gatherings such as a nursery during worship, Children's Extended Session meets during worship, and the youth meeting each Sunday evening. All of these "in-person" activities are following suggested and ordered guidelines.

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What if I don't feel comfortable in a group of people? You can join us for Sunday school each Sunday morning on Zoom at 9:15, online worship each Sunday at 10:30, view our "Sanctuary Worship" livestream at 11:00 (both of these are available after they "premiere"), and be a part of our midweek Wednesday night gathering on Zoom at 6:30. While we miss being physically together, these are all great ways to stay connected with God and God's people at May Memorial. To find the Sunday worship services go to YouTube and put "May Memorial Baptist Church" in the search bar.

What can I do to help us in regathering? Be patient, wear a face-covering, and help the ushers by cooperating with our safety plan together. And, get your vaccine when available to you!

Thank You!

The church has received numerous thank you messages by phone and email about the one-time Covid clinic. Here are some that were mailed to us:

Thank you so much for opening up the opportunity for people to sign up for the Covid shot, after your congregation. The lines were long but people were visiting with strangers all thankful that we were going to get our all-important shot. And God halted the rains while hundreds waited their turn to get inside! I'm certain this was a huge headache and lots of work for you and your secretary but we thank you. Please use this small donation as a way to help in your mission work. Sincerely John and Marvalee Unrein

So thankful for congregations like yours who care not only for their own, but for others. Thank you for setting up this clinic. Linda and Ron Estes

Dear Pastor Michael, I want to thank you so much for seeing that I had an opportunity to get the Corona Virus shot. I can't tell you how very grateful I am! My thinking is so much happier now so that I can imagine a day when I can hug my grandchildren again! I cherish your kindness! God Bless You! Gail Newton

Dear Michael, thank you for answering the call through the Christian community to help so many receive the Covid vaccines. Not a lot of notice ahead but you saw that it was answered and put into action with the skill and devotion of Diana. Thanks to everyone who went there to assist that day. In Christian Love, Diana Smith

March Birthdays



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

Financial Information

Our Gifts to our Lord Week of March 7, 2021

Regular Offering	\$ 7,806.50
Building Fund	3,347.00
Music	100.00
Scholarships	25.00
Special Offering	250.97
Total	\$11,529.47

May Memorial's Prayer List 3/8/21

CHURCH FAMILY:

Barbara Barden
Joann Cole
Bob Cox
Paula Duncan
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,

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
Sue Hresan, Nancy Richard's sister

Easter Lilies



The May Memorial Family will be taking orders for Easter lilies. Each lily is **\$14.00**. Payment is expected when you order. Please make out your check to May Memorial Baptist Church. Fill out the form below to dedicate your lily/lilies.

This lily is placed
In Memory Of:

Or
In Honor Of:

Your Name and phone number in case there are any questions.

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outside the church office.

Thank you.