

**Welcome to May Memorial Baptist Church!**

May Memorial is a wonderful church family that provides opportunities for people of all ages to nurture their faith and pursue their faith story through worship, Sunday School, youth (6th through 12th grade) and children's (infants through 5th grade) programs, adult choir, mission groups, and Bible study.

The Sunday worship schedule and weekly events are printed in the bulletin. If this is your first visit or you are a returning guest, we welcome you!

Restrooms are located through the doors beside the organ. Once in the hall, go down the steps to the right and the bathrooms will be directly in front of you. A water fountain is available in the hallway behind the sanctuary. Ushers are nearby to provide any assistance or information you may need. The pastor would like to meet you following the service. He will be at the door in the Narthex.

At May Memorial, we welcome children of all ages to worship with their families. There is a nursery available for children who are 4 and under. All of our friendly nursery volunteers are fully background-checked. The nursery is located behind the sanctuary through the doors behind the organ. Children who are in Kindergarten and up to 5th grade are welcome to exit the service for Children's Church at the time indicated.

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We pray God's blessing on you and your family.

**Welcome to our Guests!**

So that we can get to know you as you get to know us, please complete the following and place it in the offering plate later in worship.

**Guest Information**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group(s):  13-18  19-25  26-35  36-45  46-55  56-65  65+

**Our Staff:**

**Michael Edwards**

*Pastor*

**Carlisle Davidhizar**

*Associate Pastor*

**Stuart Joerg**

*Organist and*

*Director of Music*

**Sandra Parker**

*Pianist and*

*Choral Accompanist*

**Diana Schmitz**

*Church Secretary*

**Trish Hutchinson**

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**Announcements:**

**Quarterly Meeting**—The Quarterly Meeting will be this Wednesday, March 22 at 5:45 p.m. in the Gathering Room.

**Holy Land Trip**—Are you interested in the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land? Have you already signed up and would like to start meeting the group and have some questions? There will be an informational meeting on Zoom on Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00. The Zoom link will be sent to the church and on the church website.

**Your One...**Did you know that many people who are invited to church will actually go? There is power in a simple invitation, especially when that invitation is to be a part of God's people. This spring we, as a church family, will prayerfully consider who is one person we can invite to worship on Easter Sunday. Maybe it is your neighbor, or your mail carrier, or a waiter you've gotten to know, or a cashier at the grocery store, or a friend. Who is your one?

**Today**—in worship we will write down the first name of "our one."

**March 26**—begin inviting "our ones" to worship on April 9

**April 9**—Resurrection Day! We will have a great day with our guests and following worship Pastor Michael and the deacons will follow up with our guests.

**Scholarships—Are due by March 31.** Forms are available online on our website and there are some on the magazine rack in the Commons Area. They should be submitted with any required attachments to the church office. Questions should be directed to Jackie Lindsey, [prlindsey1@verizon.net](mailto:prlindsey1@verizon.net) or 804-598-3038.

**The Creative Arts team** is doing a spring craft on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Anyone who is interested please contact Joy Sanudo or the church office to sign up.

**Vacation Bible School—Camp Create**—June 12-15 Registration for VBS is now open. Go to our website to register. A link will also be in Monday's Newsletter.

**The Table**—On Sunday, May 7 May Memorial will begin a new worship service that will meet each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Some of the words that our deacons are using to describe this service are...Early!...Bible-Based...Casual...Liturgically-Sound ...Thoughtful...Dynamic...Fresh Music...Hopeful...Contemplative. The deacons, after much conversation, made the decision to move forward with this exciting new opportunity for our community. Nothing will change at the eleven o'clock service. You can do two things as we move toward the launch of this new service: First, pray. Pray that God will use this opportunity to draw people to Himself and the Church. Second, consider attending The Table to help our church get it off the ground. Even if you prefer and will continue attending the eleven o'clock service, will you be one of the people who attends for a while to give it a good start?

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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 19, 2023

11:00 a.m.

*This is the House of God, All Are Welcome!*

## The Community Gathers for Worship

*Only those who own their own blindness can ever learn to see; only those who confess their sin can ever be forgiven; only those who recognize their weaknesses can ever be honestly strong.*

*William Sloane Coffin*

Prelude Sandra Parker and Stuart Joerg

Welcome Michael Edwards

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession Michael Edwards

Silent Confession

Community Confession:

*Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.*

Assurance of Forgiveness Michael Edwards

\* Sung Response:

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to  
 God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.  
 We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Exchanging the Peace of Christ

\* Hymn of Praise No. 19 KREMSER  
*We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer*

\* Invocation Annie Sparrow

## The Community Proclaims and Hears God's Word

Children's Sermon Michael Edwards

(As *Jesus Loves Me* is sung, the children will come down to the front for the children's sermon. After the Doxology, children are invited to leave the sanctuary on the right hand side to go to Children's Church.)

Prayers of the People

Sharing of Prayer Requests

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Michael Edwards

***Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth,  
As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that  
trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
The power, and the glory,  
For ever and ever. Amen.***

Offertory Hymn No. 502

***Open My Eyes, That I May See***

SCOTT

Worship in Stewardship

Offertory Prayer

Giving of Tithes and Offering

\* ***Doxology*** No. 253

Jeanne Matthews

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup> (ALTERED)

Gospel Reading

***John 9:1-41***

Gary Cowles

Solo

***I Walk Today Where Jesus Walked***

Linda Pomfry

Sermon

***Stopping the Blame Game***

Michael Edwards

## The Community Responds to God's Word

Hymn No. 320

***Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus***

LEMMEL

## The Community Departs for Ministry

\* Announcements

Michael Edwards

\* Benediction

Michael Edwards

\* Postlude

Stuart Joerg

\* Please stand as you are able.

### Upcoming Worship Services

#### **Palm Sunday Worship**

April 2, Worship at 11:00 a.m.

#### **Maundy Thursday Service**

April 6, at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Resurrection Sunday Worship**

April 9, Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
Children's Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m.

### This Week at May Memorial

#### **Sunday, March 19**

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship,  
Children's Church

#### **Wednesday, March 22**

9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Team  
3:30 p.m. Kingdom Kids  
5:00 p.m. Church Meal  
5:45 p.m. Quarterly Meeting  
5:45 p.m. Youth Soul Food

#### **Monday, March 20**

5:30 p.m. Coalition of Powhatan  
Churches Meeting

#### **Thursday, March 23**

10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open  
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

#### **Tuesday, March 21**

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open  
1:00 p.m. Caregiver Support Group

#### **Saturday, March 25**

10:00 a.m. Just Kids Open

### **Wednesday Night Dinner**

**March 22 at 5:00 p.m.**

### **Baked Spaghetti, Green Salad, Chocolate Cake**

\$6 Adult/\$4 Child, \$20 Family Maximum  
Pay at the meal with cash, check, or Venmo.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # Children \_\_\_\_\_