

May Memorial Baptist Church

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

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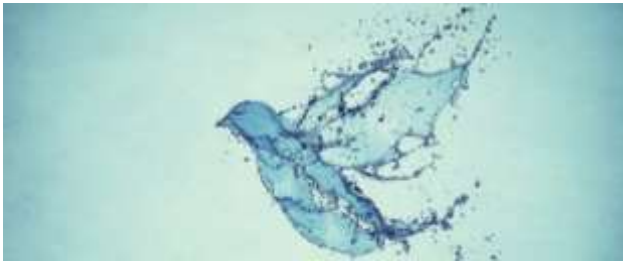


\$7 Methodist Child Care

This past Thanksgiving my family and I traveled to Hillsborough, NC, to spend the holiday with some of Beverley's family. We gathered at Beverley's cousin's house, Mandy, who has three daughters close to our daughter's ages. There were more family member's there, it was an enjoyable time.

Mandy is a single mother... (continued on page 2)

Connecting to God...Worship



**There will be a service of baptism on
Sunday during the 11:00 a.m.
worship service.**

Connecting to Each Other...Fellowship

Beginning Wednesday, January 15 our Wednesday night adult Bible Study will be "Being a Good Neighbor: The Faith of Mr. Rogers." This will be a lighthearted and fun study of the Christian themes found in the teachings and practices of TV's Fred Rogers. Join us on Wednesday nights, beginning January 15, for this wonderful study.





Wednesday Night Dinner

Join us for Supper @ 5:45 on Wednesdays

January 15

Johns Bailey's BBQ chicken – Youth benefit

January 22

Pork Loin – by Koinonia Class benefit scholarship fund

January 29

Spaghetti Dinner – Mid-Week Meal Team



Women's
Ministries

The WMU Rachael Circle

will be meeting on January 14, 2020. They will meet at 12:00 noon at the church. All ladies are welcome to join!



SAVE THE DATE: St. Patrick's Day Dinner - March 15

Complete details will be in next week's *Newsletter*!

From the Pastor

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...her husband, Mark, died suddenly about four years ago. The family had been to church that Sunday morning, and after lunch Mark went to take a Sunday afternoon nap. He never woke up. A chronic health condition caused a seizure that took his life. Given the circumstances, Mandy has done very well. She kept their business going, (a Durham, NC BBQ Restaurant), her girls are doing well, and even though Mark's death was a tragic life-altering event she will never "get over" she has shown great bravery and kept moving forward.

Her oldest daughter is in college, and the youngest is still pre-school age. The middle daughter is about Laura's age, and as we talked at Thanksgiving about our children Mandy said that her middle daughter goes after school each day to the local Methodist church for after school care. "We LOVE Pleasant Green Methodist Church," Mandy said. "When I pick Emily up in the evenings, she has all of her homework done. She's had a great snack and a fun time with the kids there." She even said that several times when she has been tied up at work one of the teachers would bring Emily home to meet Mandy there. You could hear the gratitude in her voice as she talked about this church. "We *love* Pleasant Green, they do this for me and others in the community, and it is only \$7 a day." That really caught my attention. I know how expensive childcare can be, and for Emily to go every day after school for \$35 a week is unheard of.

As I thought about that church offering that deal (steal?), I understand that they are not looking to make a financial profit. They are not using after-school care revenue to pad their budget. I doubt they are even covering their expenses. For them to do this for \$35 a week they must be subsidizing the cost from their budget, or, it must be volunteer staffed. Or, most likely a combination of both.

Pleasant Green UMC must see this as a ministry to their community. It is offered to church members and non-church members alike in order to help families with children navigate that often difficult time after school and before parents get home from work. "We love Pleasant Green UMC" Mandy said, and it is not even her church. I don't think Mandy and her family will ever go to that church. But those people at Pleasant Green UMC have made a decision to help families like Mandy's. For (basically) nothing in return. They saw a need in their community, and they are meeting it.

"We love Pleasant Green UMC" Mandy said, and as I have thought about them since Thanksgiving I do too. It is a courageous and forward thinking church that is willing to meet needs expecting *nothing* in return. It may never help them gain members or increase attendance or fund the budget, but doing the right thing pleases God, and that is our joy and our calling.

Announcements



The Quarterly Business Meeting will be on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Room.

At this meeting the church will vote on the In Safe Hands policy. A paper copy is available from the church secretary. A copy may also be emailed by request from the church secretary at maymem@verizon.net.

Please send reports to Cindy Wilkinson and/or the church office at maymem@verizon.net.



Attention Parents of Youth and Children:

Ashley Edwards, Minister to Youth and children is having a meeting for parents on Sunday, 1/19 at 12:30 at the church.



The Closet Team - The Deacons added a new team at their January meeting: **The Closet Team**. This team has the mission of "battling cluttered closets" and clearing storage spaces to keep things neat and orderly. If you are the person in your family that everyone accuses of throwing things out too quickly, this team is for you! This team will work once or twice a year. The Closet Team is a part of the stewardship ministry of May Memorial Church, because keeping our building and spaces orderly and clutter free is being good stewards of what God has given us. Contact the Church Office, Pastor Michael, or Deacon Chair Ed Utt if you would like to be a part of this team.



MMBC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for the MMBC scholarships for the 2020-21 school year are available in the church office. Completed applications with required attachments should be returned to the church office no later than March 31, 2020 for consideration by the scholarship team. Previous scholarship recipients do not need to include attachments but should update the application form. If you have questions, please contact Jackie Lindsey, team leader, at prlindsey1@verizon.net or 804-598-3038. Forms are available at the church office, or can be emailed by request to maymem@verizon.net.

The Koinonia Class will be sponsoring the Wednesday night meal on January 22nd to benefit the Scholarship Fund. Donations to this fund are welcomed at any time as it is entirely supported through donations.

Prayer List January 6, 2020

CHURCH FAMILY:

Barbara Barden
Margaret Carter
Bob Cox
Don Fitch
Bea Gallier
Rick Gallier
Jean Hall
Bill Ketron
Fran O'Donnell
Jim Pinkley
Shirley Reynolds
Jeff Spoon
David&Susan
Terry
Nancy Wilkinson
Janice Worsham

MILITARY:

Danny Myers, Brent
Templeton, Quint Sutton,
David Brizendine,
Jeremiah Clift, Nelson
Sutton

HOMEBOUND:

Janice Worsham, 2041 Rocky Ford Road
Frances Tilman, 3904 Old Buckingham Rd
Audrey Johnston, The Crossing at Bon Air, 9100 Bon Air Crossings Drive, Room 202, Richmond, 23235
Audrey Mann, The Laurels of Willow Oaks, 11611 Robious Road, Midlothian, 23113
Jim Pinkley, Chesterfield Woods
Shirley Reynolds, Spring Arbor assisted living facility.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Stephen Breeden, Son of Martha Oberg
Estelle Davis, Debbie Elam's mother
Lacie Baggett
Libby Gregg, daughter of Carol Gregg
Stuart Yeorge
Ben Spoon, friend of Juli Garrett
Bob Tiller, Jeanne Matthews brother
Suzi and Steve McClung
Dee Hubbard, friend of Snead DeNoon
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
Bobby Wells, Gladys Rabon's sister
Sharon Baltimore, friend of the Bradbury's
Bill Casper, Bill Karnolt's brother-in-law
Justin Yancey, Grandson of Irma Alvis
Chris Elam, Nick's son
Gene Gwaltney
Stephanie Hay, Karen and Ray's daughter-in-law
Jodi Erpelding, friend of Gene and Jeanan Krueger
Janie Dean
Phyllis Lester, Ed Utt's sister
Shawn Neugent, friend of the Sheltons

Tuesday, January 7

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
 10:00 a.m. COPC office open to 2 p.m.

Wednesday, January 8

10:00 a.m. COPC office open to 2 p.m.
 10:00 a.m. Powhatan Women's Club
 4:00 p.m. Kingdom Kids
 5:45 p.m. Mid-Week Meal
 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday, January 9

10:00 a.m. Christmas Mother Meeting

Friday, January 10

10:00 a.m. COPC office open to 2 p.m.

Sunday, January 12

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 5:30 p.m. Youth Soul Food

January

6-Audrey Johnston
 6-Beth Goodwyn
 9-Betty Jane Burruss
 9-Caddy Firda
 11-Paula Satterwhite
 11-Ed Mottley
 13-Paul Vrooman
 16-Caleb Satterwhite
 16-Jonathan Davis
 17-Cliff Miller
 17-Laney Waters
 18-Shirley Reynolds
 18-Janice Worsham
 21 Jane Duncan
 22-Sandra Cowles
 24 - Dianne Blandford

(Please contact [Diana](#) in
 the church office if your
 name is missing.)

Financial Information

Our gifts to our Lord 12/31/2019 through 12/31/2019

Benevolence	100.00
Regular Offering	11,010.00
Total giving for period:	\$11,110.00

Our gifts to our Lord for January 5, 2020

Attendance: Worship: 127	Sunday School: 55
Regular Offering	\$ 5,654.00
Lottie Moon	5.00
Benevolence	20.00
Scholarships	525.00
Total giving for period:	\$ 6,204.00