

May Memorial Baptist Church

Newsletter 11-9-20

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

3922 Old Buckingham Road

In the heart of the Courthouse Village (804) 598-3098

From the Pastor...An Interestingly Different Christmas

I was in a pastor's meeting last week when another pastor told about a deacon's meeting during which they were discussing Christmas Eve worship. They were attempting to identify the elements of worship for Christmas Eve they could keep this year, in light of the COVID Pandemic. The one thing, they thought, they could keep, was the lighting of candles. But then, someone asked, "yes, but how are we going to 'put them out'?" Great question when we struggle with an airborne virus.

This year presents challenges for May Memorial's "normal" celebration of Christmas, but May Memorial has decided to see those challenges as an opportunity to think and work outside the box. It is appropriate to mourn the loss of "normalcy," but we can simultaneously look to "the new" and find meaning there. Below is an outline of how we will celebrate Christmas this year at May Memorial. This is not a "normal" year, and in some ways that saddens my heart. And yet I am excited about the new ways we may celebrate this most meaningful season of the year.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT MAY MEMORIAL



Advent Hospitality: A Gift from the Home... (of name)

November 30 – December 25

Consisting of artwork, music, Christmas symbols and decorations, and readings, these gifts will come from members of the May Memorial family and will be sent out each morning during Advent.

Advent Wednesdays,

Noon until 1:00 p.m., December 2, 9, 16, and 23

Come for a few minutes, or the entire hour. You will hear music from the May Memorial Carillon and guest musicians. This is not a concert, but a time to enjoy the peace and beauty of the May Memorial Sanctuary during the Advent Season. The Advent Wreath will be "re-lit" each Wednesday so those who gather can hear words of hope, joy, love, and peace as we wait for the Coming Messiah.

Sunday, December 20

YouTube Premiere Children's Christmas Pageant

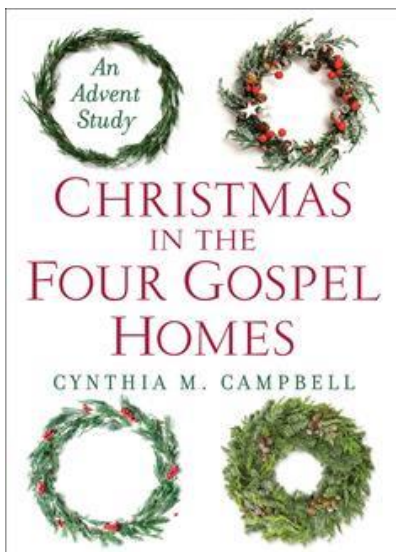
The pageant will premiere on YouTube and in our sanctuary (video presentation) at 3:00. The sanctuary premiere is offered for those who do not have access to YouTube, although anyone can attend.

Thursday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

11:00 a.m., YouTube Premiere Service in the MMBC Sanctuary, made available especially for those without a computer or access to YouTube, although anyone can attend.

4:00 p.m., MMBC Christmas Eve Worship on YouTube Premiere

This will be an online worship service much like our worship services while in early pandemic weeks.



Join Us For Sunday School on Zoom

During the four Sundays of Advent this year, November 29 through December 20, travel with the Zoom Sunday School to some 'houses' decorated quite differently for the birth of Jesus—the four “Gospel homes” of Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John! Bob Kruschwitz and Juston Sanudo will be team teaching the study. Our study of Mark continues through November 22, then we will begin this new study. Our guide will be Cynthia M. Campbell, *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2019). Copies of this book are available in the church office and from online booksellers. “The purpose of our journey is to experience what Christmas means from [each Gospel’s] perspective and how Christmas is celebrated there,” Campbell writes. Each week’s study features a house drawing by architect Kevin Burns, who offers his own interpretation of how each Gospel welcomes us to “reflect on the mystery of

Jesus, Son of God, born of Mary.” Please join in the Zoom Sunday School class each Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m., or view it afterwards online through the May Memorial YouTube channel.

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

Connecting to Each Other...Fellowship



Lighthouse Parade! On 11/4/20 In downtown Powhatan



Handbell Choir Resumes! (note the time change)

Rehearsals will be on Mondays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. through December 22nd. Practice will take place in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great opportunity for ministry and fellowship. We will have all safety precautions in place.

Calling Adult Choir Members

If you are an Adult Choir member who is interested in joining a new smaller choir, please contact Sandra Parker at servnhim4@msn.com. Or call the church office.



Kingdom Kids Zoom Meeting

Every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. we meet online for our Kingdom Kids program and fun!

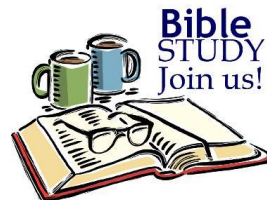
To join with any phone: Call (312) 626-6799

Enter the meeting code: 277 032 1474

Bible Study on Zoom - Wednesdays at 6:30

phone: Call (312) 626-6799

Enter this code: 286 978 612



Bible
STUDY
Join us!

p.m.

To join with any

Connecting to the World...Missions

Small Mission Projects

November 9
through Nov. 22
the WMU Rachael Circle is
sponsoring a
Baby Shower Collection



They will be collecting new baby items for the Richmond Pregnancy Resource Center. The center helps those facing an unplanned pregnancy, who are feeling a lot of emotions: confused, overwhelmed, scared. They are there for support and to talk through client's questions and options, and it's all free. They do not perform or refer for abortions. Also, they provide connections to parenting classes and baby care items, including diapers, wipes, and clothing. A complete list of baby items, like baby lotion and baby winter outerwear is on the next page.

All items donated must be new.

Collection begins on November 1 and ends on November 22.

We would like to get them to the center by Thanksgiving. Thank you!

They Have an URGENT Need for the following:

- **BABY LOTION**
- **BABY MITTENS (so they can't scratch themselves)**
- **BABY SHAMPOO**
- **BABY SHOES (Infant Size through size 4 toddler)**
- **BABY WASH**
- **BABY WINTER OUTERWEAR (Prams, Snow suites or Jackets)0-18 months**
- **BOTTLES – 8 Oz**
- **FALL -BOY & GIRL CLOTHING – 3, 6, 18 & 24 MONTHS**
- **Grooming Kit (Nail Clippers, Brush & Comb set)**
- **Onesies – 0-3, 3-6 Months**
- **TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS - COMPLETELY OUT**
- **VASELINE**

******* PLEASE NO BLANKETS, NO BABY POWER,
AND NO #2 DIAPERS AT THIS TIME*******

FOR MOM

FALL Maternity Clothing

- Large & XL (especially pants or leggings)

**Due to ever changing safety regulations and recalls,
we are only able to accept NEW items.**

November Birthdays



Nov 9 - Joy Sanudo

13 - Karen Utt

13 - Jeff O'Donnell

15 - Sandy Givens

16 - Josh Deal

17 - Snead DeNoon

18 - Martha Oberg

19 - Rob Williams

22 - Nancy Wilkinson

24 - Debbie Howard

24 – Dot Wilkins is 90!!!!!!

Financial Information

Our Gifts to our Lord

Week of November 8, 2020

Regular Offering	\$ 6,261.64
Scholarships	25.00
Special Offering (lighting)	100.00
Total	\$ 6,386.64

Prayer list and homebound contact list

HOMEBOUND PRAYER AND CONTACT LIST:

Janice Worsham, Westport Rehab. Center., 7300 Forest Ave, Room 213, Richmond 23226

Frances Tilman, 3904 Old Buckingham Rd

Audrey Johnston, 3901 S. Fairway Drive, Powhatan, VA 23139

Audrey Mann, The Laurels of Willow Oaks, 11611 Robious Road, Midlothian, 23113

Jim Pinkley, Currently with Billy and Marlis Kruschwitz

Jean Hall, 1748 Old Powhatan Estates

CHURCH FAMILY:

Barbara Barden
Susie Brock
Joann Cole
Bob Cosby
Bob Cox
Snead DeNoon
Lee Duncan
Nick Elam
Ester Fitch and Family
Bea Gallier
Rick Gallier
Bill Ketron
Bernice Koelzer
Paul Lindsey
Fran O'Donnell
Jim Pinkley
Shirley Stephens
David&Susan
Terry
Frances Tilman
Harry Wheeler
Nancy Wilkinson
Earl Worsham
Janice Worsham

MILITARY:

Danny Myers, Brent Templeton, Quint Sutton, David Brizendine, Jeremiah Clift, Nelson Sutton, Justin Donnavon, Austin, Breeden, Caleb Hammer, Kris Curtis, Adam and Hunter Mitchell

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Estelle Davis, Debbie Elam's mother
Lacie Baggett
Libby Gregg, daughter-in-law of Carol Gregg
Stuart Yeorge
Ben Spoon, Juli Spoon's son-in-law
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
Sharon Baltimore, friend of the Bradbury's
Bill Casper, Bill Karnolt's brother-in-law
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
Chloe, granddaughter of Amy&Bill Karnolt
Nurses, Erin and Melissa, relatives of the Karnolt's
Logan Cook, grandson of Wilford and Linda Poore.
Pam Polk Mottley, Ed Mottley's sister
Randy Kope, grandson of Les and Dianne Miller
Brian Sullivan, nephew of Mike and Bernice Koelzer
Mary, Annie Sparrow's Aunt
Mary Ann David, Debbie Elam's sister-in-law
Teresa Fields
Lisa Davis, Glady's Rabon's daughter
Brenden McMullan, the Cox's grandson
Patricia Vermillion, Jon Flower's sister
Emily, Gene & Sandy Parker's daughter
Chuck Karnolt
Kathy Kuhn, friend of Vicki and Bob Kruschwitz
Davin Ericson, friend of the Cox's
Stephanie Prentice, Nancy Flower's granddaughter
Stuart Howard and Bre
Sue Ellen Hresan, Nancy Richard's sister
Family of Erik Topp, father of Linda Daniels, grandfather
of Kerri Bilthuis
Freddie Boatwright
Helen Dean
Mike Davidson
