

May Memorial Baptist Church

E-Connect Newsletter

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

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More pictures from Children's Missions Day last week: Many gift bags were prepared with puzzle books, window decorations and personal care items. These were distributed by the children, their parents and Children's Minister Ashley Edwards to the individuals at Amelia Nursing Home. Also, the children helped the elderly adults play BINGO! Thank you to Thrivent for providing the funds for the gift bags.



Wednesday begins the Season of Lent, the six week/forty day period (not counting Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to Resurrection Day when the Church takes a solemn turn to consider Jesus' journey to the cross. We consider our sinfulness, repentance, and our own mortality. It is a season of soul-searching, a time to return to the Lord in ashes and repentance. Jesus entered the wilderness for 40 days after his baptism, and the season of Lent designates forty days that we may enter the wilderness and fully rely on God. (continued on page 4)

Connecting to God...Worship



Join us for an
Ash Wednesday Service
This week at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Connecting to Each Other...Fellowship



Family Game Night!

Saturday, 2/29 from 6-7:30
for ALL AGES!

A fun time for families to gather and play games
with young and old.

A \$5 donation is suggested to cover pizza and snacks.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Concert

At May Memorial Baptist Church
Sunday, March 15



Tom Stevens on
the fiddle and
Jimmy Payne on
the guitar



The special St. Patrick's meal will begin at 5:00 p.m. and Concert at 6:15 p.m. Corned Beef and Cabbage as well as
Shepherds Pie and Soda Bread

Cost: \$8.00 per person. \$25.00 max per family.

Invite your friends and family! Flyers and cards are available at the church!

Make your reservation by calling the church office by March 11

CALLING ALL LEPRECHAUNS AND HAPPY VOLUNTEERS...

Our Annual St. Patrick's Day Open House and Dinner is quickly approaching. We need some help making this event the best mission to bring our community neighbors to our beautiful church. Please email the church office at maymem@verizon.net or call (804) 598-3098. Together we can make a difference and show God's Love to each other and our neighbors. Here are the teams:

DECORATING TEAM - Meet in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, March 12 at 10:00 am. We have all of the supplies, we just need willing hands and happy smiles.

FOOD PREPARATION TEAM - Shepherd's Pie - We need to ask that anyone who is making Shepherd's Pie bring it to the kitchen by 4:00 pm.

We are asking some of the volunteers who made a **Shepherd's Pie** last year to help us out again this year and other members who would like to make a dish for us to serve.

Corn Bread - we need at least 90 servings of corn bread

Soda Bread - we need a volunteer to provide this bread

Dessert Assortment - "pick up" type desserts.

CLEAN UP TEAM - We need volunteers to help with putting our Fellowship Hall back into service after this event. We plan to meet back at Church on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 10:00 am to finish cleaning up if needed.



Join us on Wednesday Nights: Soul Searching for Lent

Beginning Wednesday, March 4, we will be looking closely at Matthew 26-27 and considering those poignant encounter Jesus experienced during the last days before the crucifixion. These stories will lead us to search our souls during the Lenten Season. Join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30 (following the meal) for a wonderful time of learning and formation.



Don't Miss

Front Porch Thursdays at May Memorial

Four delightful Thursday mornings this Spring with friends, old and new, sharing hobbies, relaxing reflection, and prep for healthy living.

Thursday Mornings, April 23 – May 14

More Info Coming Soon

Connecting to the World...Missions More pictures from Children's Missions Day



Announcements



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. You may download the form to print here: [SCHOLARSHIP FORM](#).

From the Pastor

(continued from page 1) Traditionally, Christians have decided to “give up” something during Lent. Chocolate has always been a favorite, caffeine, cigars, or alcohol. Many people decide to take a “social media” fast, giving up Facebook or Instagram. All of these are fine, and some people may find spiritual growth in refusing a reliance of these so that they may rely on God. This year, my thoughts are drawn toward those things that I may need to give up, not just for the season of Lent, but permanently.

The Prophet Joel will proclaim to us on Ash Wednesday that God calls us to return to God with all our heart. God doesn't call us to get everything cleaned up and then come, but to come with our hearts. God is concerned with those things we do or don't do, but God also wants our hearts, God wants them to be pure.

A Lutheran pastor offered a list for the season of Lent several years ago, an action for each day, and it has been helpful to me. I offer it to you again as a reminder or a plan of how we may offer our hearts to God and observe a Holy Lent.

Day 1: Pray for your enemies

Day 2: Walk, carpool, bike or bus it.

Day 3: Don't turn on the car radio

Day 4: Give \$20 to a non-profit of your choosing

(Sunday)

Day 5: Take 5 minutes of silence at noon

Day 6: Look out the window until you find something of beauty you had not noticed before

Day 7: Give 5 items of clothing to Goodwill

Day 8: No bitching day

Day 9: Do someone else's chore

Day 10: Buy a few \$5 fast food gift cards to give to homeless people you encounter

(Sunday)

Day 11: Call an old friend

Day 12: Pray the Paper (pray for people and situations in today's news)

Day 13: Read Psalm 139

Day 14: Pay a few sincere compliments

Day 15: Bring your own mug

Day 16: Educate yourself about human trafficking

(Sunday)

Day 17: Forgive someone

Day 18: Internet diet

Day 19: Change one light in your house to a compact florescent

Day 20: Check out morning and evening prayer online at The Daily Office.

Day 21: Ask for help

Day 22: Tell someone what you are grateful for

(Sunday)

Day 23: Introduce yourself to a neighbor

Day 24: Read Psalm 121
 Day 25: Bake a cake
 Day 26: No shopping day
 Day 27: Light a virtual candle
 Day 28: Light an actual candle
 (Sunday)
 Day 29: Write a thank you note to your favorite teacher
 Day 30: Invest in canvas shopping bags
 Day 31: Use Freecycle
 Day 32: Donate art supplies to your local elementary school
 Day 33: Read John 8:1-11
 Day 34: Worship at a friend's mosque, synogogue or church and look for the beauty
 (Sunday)
 Day 35: Confess a secret
 Day 36: No sugar day – where else is there sweetness in your life?
 Day 37: Give \$20 to a local non-profit
 Day 38: Educate yourself about a saint www.catholic.org/saints
 Day 39: Pray for peace
 Day 40: Pray for your enemies (you probably have new ones by now) then decide which of these exercises you'll keep for good

Prayer List February 24, 2020

CHURCH FAMILY:

Barbara Barden
 Judy Boelt
 Susie Brock
 Nick Elam
 Don Fitch
 Esther Fitch
 Bea Gallier
 Rick Gallier
 Jean Hall
 Bill Ketron
 Fran O'Donnell
 Lester Oberg
 Jim Pinkley
 Shirley Reynolds
 Sandy Shelton
 Jeff Spoon
 David&Susan
 Terry
 Nancy Wilkinson
 Janice Worsham

MILITARY:

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

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Stephen Breeden, Son of Martha Oberg
 Estelle Davis, Debbie Elam's mother
 Lacie Baggett
 Libby Gregg, daughter-in-law of Carol Gregg
 Stuart Yeorge
 Ben Spoon, friend of Juli Garrett
 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
 Gene Gwaltney
 Stephanie Hay, Karen and Ray's daughter-in-law
 Jodi Erpelding, friend of Jeanan Krueger
 Janie Dean
 Phyllis Lester, Ed Utt's sister
 Shawn Neugent, friend of the Sheltons
 Mike Vidra
 Virgil Stroud, Lisa Gregory's father
 Scott Richards' parents
 Family of Gene Krueger
 Family of Jimmy Conner, Esther Fitch's brother
 Family of Chris Elam

HOMEBOUND PRAYER LIST:

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 in Salisbury, 14001 Turnberry Lane, Midlothian, 23113

Weekly Schedule

Tuesday, February 25

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

Wednesday, February 26

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

4:00 p.m. Kingdom Kids

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

Friday, February 28

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

Saturday, February 29

6:00 p.m. Family Game Night

Sunday, March 1

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

5:30 p.m. Youth Soul Food

Birthdays

February

25-Hunter Smith

March

4-Amy Johnston

5-Jane Ware

6-Cheryl Vrooman

9-Bob Cox

10-Tom Seaman

11-Carol Williams

12-Erin Johnston

13-Stuart Matthews

13-Joan Cosby

13-Cindy Wilkinson

13-Mason Lloyd

15-Anne Gillespie

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

Financial Information

Our gifts to our Lord for February 23, 2020

Attendance: Worship 130, Sunday School 79

Regular Offering \$ 4,543.50

Total Giving For Period: \$ 4,543.50