

May Memorial Baptist Church

E-Connect Newsletter March 23, 2020

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

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Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting this Week

Join us for Prayer Meeting, on-line only, on Zoom this Wednesday night. Email the church office at maymem@verizon.net by noon Wednesday if you would like to be included.

Church Wide Zoom Sunday School

Sunday Morning, 9:45

Bob Kruschwitz will lead a church-wide Sunday School lesson, on line only, this coming Sunday morning at 9:45. Email the church office at maymem@verizon.net by noon on Thursday if you would like to be included.



Clifford Miller brings us a message of hope:

The Good Lord is still in control! Mother Nature hasn't changed.

Connecting to Each Other...Fellowship



Ashley Edwards, Children and Youth Minister shared this image and message:

"This is how we did Soul Food!"

This program called Zoom will soon be familiar to all of us. We will be using it for Bible Studies and Sunday School this week.

Connecting to the World...Missions

We are Making Medical Masks, Will you Help Us?

Your help is needed in making medical masks for Virginia Baptists. Maryvel Firda is leading the effort for us to support WMU of Virginia, click below to find the pattern and other information.

If you need help with the pattern or with gathering supplies contact Maryvel at mtbfirda@gmail.com or (804) 712-0764. The entire message and pattern from WMUV are on the following pages.



March-2020 Special Edition

In times like these we linger in a holding pattern watching and waiting for the storm to pass over. In times like these we strive to walk by faith and not by sight.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are encouraged to follow all of the CDC safety guidelines for ourselves and our families such as washing our hands and maintaining social distance. As disciples of Jesus on mission we can feel empowered and be a witness for Christ when we work to meet human needs.

Medical supplies are short and the Envoy Nursing Facility in Fork Union have requested 500 fabric masks. WMUV has committed to organizing Virginia Baptist women to fulfill this need.

If you would like to help. See the attached instructions. In the meanwhile, we pray and trust God as we care for our families and our neighbors.

Co-Labors Together,

**Dr. Valerie Carter Smith
Executive Director/Treasurer**

Fabric Masks Needed!



What can you do?

Envoy at the Village, a skilled nursing center in Fork Union, requests fabric masks that may be used if/when supplies of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) masks are depleted. We would like to provide 500 masks to this center.

1. Follow the pattern given below.
2. Please note the fabric should be 100% cotton for the outside of the mask and 100% cotton flannel for the inside.
3. Mail completed masks to WMUV, 2828 Emerywood Parkway, Henrico VA, 23294 by April 4, 2020.
4. Contact your local assisted living facilities and skilled nursing facilities to see if this would be useful for them!
5. Questions? Contact Laura at Ldavis@wmuv.org



Sewing Instructions for Homemade Facemask

Per CDC Guidelines, homemade facemasks may be used by health care professionals for care of patients with COVID-19 as a last resort. However, homemade masks are not considered PPE (personal protective equipment).

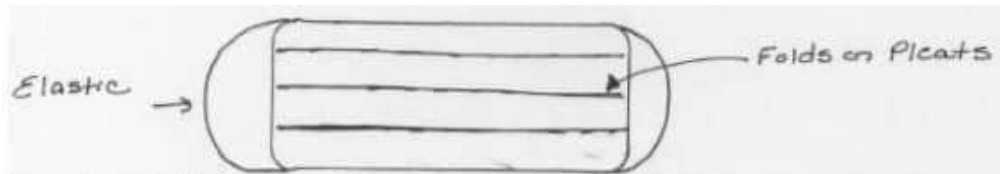
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/face-masks.html>

Materials List:

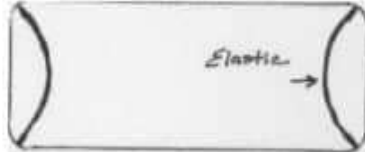
- 100% cotton fabric – prints are acceptable, directional prints should be horizontally oriented
- 100% cotton flannel for lining – softer fabric goes next to the face for comfort
- Two 7" pieces of 1/8" flat elastic
- Sewing machine, thread, and scissors

Instructions:

1. Cut 9" x 6" rectangle of fabric from both types of fabric, one rectangle of each fabric will be used per mask.
2. Pin three 1" folds/pleats on each side of the mask. Make sure the tucks/pleats are all going in the same direction (the finished mask should be at least 3.5 inches in height and 6.75 inches in length when pleated are not expanded).



3. Press pleats to hold.
4. Place two pleated rectangles together, right sides facing
5. Place ends of elastic in the corners between layers



6. Sew around the rectangle with 1/4" seam allowance leaving a 2-inch gap along one of the long sides for turning. Reinforce corners and ensure elastic is secure by sewing forward and backwards at the corners.



7. Turn mask inside out and press flat, keeping 1/4" seam allowance pressed toward the inside of the mask at the opening.
8. Sew around the edge of the mask twice to secure the tucks and close the opening.

Please call _____ at _____ to arrange delivery.

You will be met in the facility parking lot at a pre-arranged time.

THANK YOU for helping keep our healthcare workers safer!



2020 Antique Power Show Cancelled **Powhatan Coalition of Churches**

We received this message from Nancy Alexander on March 18:

"Due to the situation with the Coronavirus situation and government guidelines to contain the spread of the virus, it has been decided that the Antique Power Show will be postponed indefinitely. This will be revisited at a later date. We know that a lot of work has been done in preparation, and we are sorry, however it seems the necessary thing to do."

From the Pastor



A few days before I returned to college for my Sophomore year the Pontiac station wagon I was driving was having an "over heating" problem. Late one afternoon I got home and decided to top off the radiator with water to help it, and when I slightly twisted the radiator cap it exploded on me. I knew that the cap could be turned half-way to release the steam. The problem was that the last person to put the cap back on (me) didn't put it back all the way. The ambulance came, I was in the hospital with third degree burns for a few days in my hometown. I started a long stretch of physical therapy that started at home but went well into the Fall Semester.

We called the University to notify them of what had happened and they were happy to work with me. They offered my family a small apartment for a couple of weeks, so my dad and I left for Greenville, SC for me to begin my Sophomore year. I would go to class, do my homework, my dad would take me to physical therapy and doctor's appointments. We ate great meals, a couple of nights at the Peddler Steak House. One afternoon we drove up into the mountains of Western NC. Physical therapy went well, the burns were healing properly, and I was ready to move into the dorm.

The day my dad left he prayed with me and for me. In his prayer he specifically said "God, I thank you for the time I have been able to spend with my son." I will never forget it. Because we had a great time together. I could have prayed the same prayer of thanksgiving, thanking God for the time I spent with my dad.

I would have never chosen to be burned. I also don't think that God somehow ordered for me to go through that pain. God is not the author of pain and harm. But God did use it for good in both mine and my dad's life.

God did not send Covid 19 upon the world. This is not a punishment and it did not originate in the mind of God. This virus is taking life and it is darkness, and in God there is no darkness at all. But, if we keep our eyes open we can see how God can take this horrible and unwanted pandemic and use it for good. Please understand, the good that we can find will not make it worth it, and I would hope that no one would contend that the found good in any way outweighs the bad of it. But, we can find glimpses of God's presence and grace in the midst of difficulty and pain.

God is with us. There is hope. Do not fear. God will not leave us nor forsake us.



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.



RELAY FOR LIFE OF POWHATAN 2020 POSTPONED-STAY TUNED FOR UPDATE!

Based on current guidance and out of an abundance of caution, the American Cancer Society has extended the suspension of all events through mid-May. We are extremely grateful to all the volunteers, participants, and sponsors who have worked to make Relay For Life events a success. Your efforts will make an impact on those fighting cancer, and we're looking forward to continuing the conversation with our volunteers virtually on new and creative ways to support Relay For Life.

We hope you'll walk alongside us when the time is right. Stay tuned for updates. Thank you for your support for our mission.

Prayer List March 23, 2020

CHURCH FAMILY:

Don Adkins
Barbara Barden
Judy Boelt
Susie Brock
Nick Elam
Don Fitch
Esther 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, Justin Donnavon,
Austin, Breeden, Caleb
Hammer,
Kris Curtis

HOMEBOUND:

Janice Worsham, 2041 Rocky Ford Road
Frances Tilman, 3904 Old Buckingham Rd
Audrey Johnston, (currently at Kirk and Peggy Johnston's home) 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

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
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
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 Gwaltney

Birthdays

March

23- Joyce Smith
26-Jay Givens
27-Brent Gillespie
29-Les Miller
30- Bob Cosby
30-Mike Lindsey

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

April

4-Shirley Stephens
5-Eric Mead
6-Amanda Seaman
10-Judy Potter
10-Paul Roberts
14-Gladys Rabon
15-Sarah Willis

Financial Information

This Week's Financials: As the congregation is continuing to give to support the ongoing ministry of May Memorial Church through the mail and e-giving the totals will be reported when available. Because contributions come in through the week the giving reports may be delayed a week.