

Newsletter April 12, 2021

Reaching...

Teaching...

Touching...

in the Heart of Powhatan

**3922 Old Buckingham Road
In the Heart of the
Courthouse Village
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Visit our Website at:

Maymemorialchurch.org



Kingdom Kids will now be IN PERSON!! 3:30 – 5:00 Wednesdays at the church

Enjoy these photos of our children from Sunday!



From the Pastor...

Because He Lives

Easter Sunday 2021, the day we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ, was two years in the making. Because of COVID we were not gathered in our sanctuary last year for that “high, holy day,” and this year we were filled with joy as we celebrated the gift and promise of new life. We heard the sound of brass instruments, the scent of lilies filled the sanctuary air, and our hearts were full as we worshiped at 9 and 11 on that beautiful morning. The presumed “high point” of worship for that day could have easily been the reading of the Resurrection story from Mark’s gospel. It also could have been when we gathered at the Lord’s Table. Both of those are central in our Easter worship. (Continued on page 2)

From the Pastor.... (Continued...) But for me, the high point of worship was when we sang "Because He Lives" as a congregation. I have to admit it is not my favorite hymn or gospel song, I prefer the sturdier "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" or even "The Strife is O'er" for Easter Sunday. But when we sang "Because He Lives" on Easter Sunday this year, my heart was moved. As I looked across the sanctuary, I saw hands subtly "lifted high," I saw tears being wiped from eyes, and I saw eyes closed and faces uplifted as heart-felt singing was happening behind our masks. It was a holy moment, and for me it was the high point of worship that day.

I think of two reasons why we were moved in our singing. The first is that it had been a long time since we sang together, and worship that lacks congregational singing is not complete. It was simply fulfilling for us to finally have that added back to worship. But the second reason that moment was so moving was that our hearts cling to and believe in that truth so deeply. That "because Christ lives" our lives are changed, are filled with hope, and regardless of all of the deaths we have experienced we know the final word will ultimately be Alleluia! We believe it, and it came through in our singing.

Resurrection day was a wonderful day at May Memorial, and I rejoice that we were together, and hymns filled our hearts and our sanctuary. Alleluia!



More photos of our Children from last Sunday.



Connecting to God...Worship



Worship in the Sanctuary on Sunday

Please join us this Sunday, April 18, at 11:00 a.m. The children will meet for Extended Session and we will have a nursery. Safety measures are in place.

If you are planning to attend would you let us know by leaving a reservation. All services are recorded and can be seen on our website.

Connecting to Each Other...Fellowship



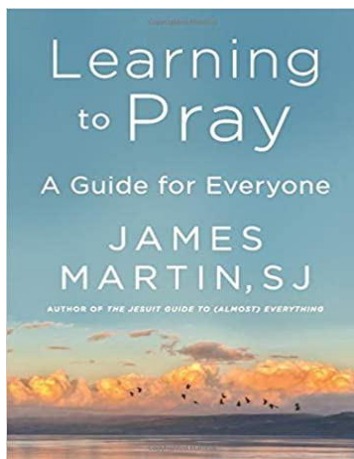
Choir Practice

The choir will meet this Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.
Now is a great time to join the choir!
New members are welcome!



Sunday School

We will begin a study of *The Letter to the Romans*, which has been called the Apostle Paul's masterpiece. The Apostle weaves so many themes together that reading the letter "sometimes feels like being swept along in a small boat on a swirling, bubbling river...and we need to hold on tight if we're going to stay on board" N. T. Wright observes. That's because Paul is introducing "God who unveils his power and grace through the good news about Jesus. And, as Paul insists again and again, this power and grace is available for everyone who believes." To join by phone: Call (312) 626-6799 Enter: 871 7487 0259



Spring Bible Study

Transformed by Prayer. We will follow the recent book by James Martin, *Learning to Pray*. It is not required that you purchase the book, but it will guide our topics in discussions when we gather. Wednesdays **beginning April 14, 11:00 a.m. at the church,** 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

To join with any phone: Call (312) 626-6799 Enter this code: 286 978 612



An Exciting Summer Planned for Children and Youth!

June 6 Family Pool Party

June 12 Youth Pool Party

June 13-18 Youth Passport Greensboro College

June 16-19 Passport Kids at Eagle Eyrie

July 19-22 Outdoor VBS

Youth Beach day in July!

Connecting to the World...Missions



Social Services Emergency Housing

The Rachael Circle will be collecting items for the Powhatan Social Services Emergency Home. This is a project led by Renee VanNatter at the Social Services office.

Needs: *Paper plates and plastic utensils

*Bottled water and non- perishable food items

*Twin mattress and pillow covers *Gift cards to Walmart and Sheetz

Thank you

May Memorial Church,

Thank you to the Rachael Circle, especially Becky Thomas, who has made several visits to my home and brought small gifts and kind words during some very trying times.

Gladys Rabon

My Friends at May Memorial and the Rachael Circle,

Thank you for remembering me at Easter time. Finding the African Violet and the treats on our front porch reminded me of the goodness ever present in special friends like you. Your kindness, concern, and prayers are appreciated. Gratefully, Rae Copeland

May Memorial Church,

Thanks so much for our surprise Easter basket. Lots of love to all.

Fred & Jeannette Wilson

Dear Rev. Edwards,

Thank you and staff for the opportunity to get the Covid vaccination at the Powhatan Landmark Center. It was a wonderful outreach to residents of the county. My husband Joseph and I have both shots and are so grateful to you and May Memorial for making it happen. Many thanks.

Blessings, Barbara Broach

Dear Pastor Edwards,

Thank you so very much for including us in the May Memorial family for the Covid 19 vaccination program. Your hospitality is a true witness of the meaning of Christianity and certainly was a blessing to us as well as many others in our community. In His Love,

(Norma) Jane Rager

Announcements



Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to place flowers for an upcoming Sunday service, please let the church office know which date and we will place you on the flower calendar.

Thank you.



Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

We will be including the (close and home) games for the children and youth at May Memorial over the next couple of months. If you would like to go to a game and cheer on our students they would love to see and hear you cheering them on!

Tuesday, April 13, 6:30 p.m., Turner Field (behind County Admin. Bldg.)

Powhatan Debs

Alyssa O'Quinn

(coached by Matt O'Quinn)

Thursday, April 15, 6:30 p.m., Hidden Rock Park, Maidens

Powhatan Herricanes

Laura Edwards

(coached by Michael Edwards)

Saturday, April 17,

4:00 p.m.

Powhatan Debs—Turner Field (behind County Admin. Bldg.)

Alyssa O'Quinn (coached by Matt O'Quinn)

Powhatan Herricanes—Pitt Field (behind County Admin. Bldg.)

Laura Edwards (coached by Michael Edwards)

6:00

Powhatan Debs—Turner Field (behind County Admin. Bldg.)

Alyssa O'Quinn (coached by Matt O'Quinn)

Powhatan Herricanes—Pitt Field (behind County Admin. Bldg.)

Laura Edwards (coached by Michael Edwards)

Tuesday, April 20—Turner Field (behind County Admin. Bldg.)

Powhatan Debs

Alyssa O'Quinn

(coached by Matt O'Quinn)

May Memorial's Prayer List 4/12/21

CHURCH FAMILY:

Barbara Barden
Jan Boswell
Joann Cole
Bob Cox
Paula Duncan
Nick Elam
Ester Fitch and Family
Bea & Rick Gallier
Amy Karnolt
Bill Ketron
Paul Lindsey
Fran O'Donnell
Judy Potter
Shirley Stephens
David & Susan Terry
Earl & Janice Worsham

MILITARY:

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

HOMEBOUND CONTACT LIST:

- Audrey Johnston, 3901 S. Fairway Drive, Powhatan, VA 23139
- Audrey Mann, The Laurels of Willow Oaks, 11611 Robious Road, Midlothian, 23113
- Jean Hall, 1748 Old Powhatan Estates
- Nancy Wilkinson, 2116 Eastwood Ridge Dr., Moseley, VA 23120
- Earl and Janice Worsham, 18507 Harrison's Road, Amelia Court House, VA 23002

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Estelle Davis, Debbie Elam's mother
Lacie Baggett
Libby Gregg, daughter-in-law of Carol Gregg
Ami Gregg, daughter-in-law of Carol Gregg
Stuart Yeorge
Ben Spoon, Juli Spoon's son-in-law
Matthew Berger, friend of Joy & Juston Sanudo
Sheri Sadie, Nancy Flower's Daughter
Justin Yancey, Grandson of Irma Alvis
Stephanie Hay, Karen and Ray's daughter-in-law
Janie Dean
Shawn Neugent, friend of the Sheltons
Lennox Family
Helen Fitzgerald, friend of Diana and B.J. Smith
Pam Polk Mottley, Ed Mottley's sister
Mary, Annie Sparrow's Aunt
Mary Ann David, Debbie Elam's sister-in-law
Teresa Fields
Kathy Kuhn, friend of Vicki and Bob Kruschwitz
Davin Ericson, friend of the Cox's
Mike Davidson
Randy Blackwell
Jenny Johnson, friend of Kerri Bilthuis
Ruth Boatwright
Kaye Edwards, Michael Edwards mother
Sandra Williams, family member of Carol & Irvin Wms
Randy Kope, Grandson of Les and Diane Miller
Michael Bryant, friend of David & Constance Deal
James Carwile — Esther Fitch
Clyde Martin — Esther Fitch
Randolph Martin — Esther Fitch
Mavis Martin, sister-in-law of Esther Fitch
Carol Cardwell, friend of Williams'
Sue Hresan, Nancy Richard's sister
Edna Daley, Diana Schmitz' mother
Tom Lester, Lynne Bradbury's brother
Amy Mitchiner, Debbie Mottley's daughter
Carson Mead McDonald
Heather King – Annie Sparrow
Charlie Bennett, son of Nancy Richards
Family of Phyllis Lester, Ed Utt's sister

April Birthdays



14- Gladys Rabon
17-Esther Fitch
20-Tristan Wills
21- Nancy Flower

23-Marshall Ware
25- Jesse Bilthuis
28- Gabe Cosby

Financial Information

Our Gifts to our Lord Week of April 11, 2021

Regular Offering	\$ 7,543.92
Special Offering	600.00
Total	\$ 8,143.92