



**MAY MEMORIAL BAPTIST
CHURCH**
*Reaching...Teaching...Touching...
in the Heart of Powhatan*

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In the Heart of the Courthouse Village

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Newsletter April 19, 2021

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From the Pastor...

Opening Day Prayer

This past Saturday was opening day for PYAA Softball. It was a sunny Spring day and all of the PYAA girl's softball teams played on opening day. The younger girls, including the Cuties and the SweeTees played in the morning, the older girls, including the Ponytails and Debs played later in the afternoon. At the midpoint of the day came the opening ceremony for the season. All of the girls lined up just outside of the ball-field, and one by one, grouped by team, each girl's name was called as she walked on the field. Starting with the oldest and going to the youngest, the teams gathered on the field. Gathered in the bleachers were parents, grandparents, and friends who had come to support the girls at the beginning of the season. (Continued on page 2.)



Ashley Edwards, Children and Youth Minister, is happy to see the children back at Extended Session!

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



One Day Mission Project - On Saturday, May 8 we will go to Meno to bundle firewood that will be sold to Bear Creek Lake State Park. This work will help fund the Meno, a Christian residential community for those affected by drug and alcohol addiction. We will meet at the church at 8:30 and return by 3:00. Lunch will be provided. To sign up call or email the church office.



From the Pastor... (continued from page 1) When all of the girls were in place the program began. The American Flag was presented by an American Legion Guard, the National Anthem was sung, and the first pitch was thrown by a local school resource officer. And there was a prayer.

I think the PYAA Commissioner was happy that a pastor had volunteered to coach a team this Spring because it made it easy when he had to find someone to pray at the opening ceremony. But I admit, I do get nervous when I am asked to do something that is "out of the normal" for me. I can pray again and again in a sanctuary in worship, but doing this in an unfamiliar place with unfamiliar people causes me a little anxiety. And as I knew I would be, when I walked up and took the microphone I was nervous. But I prayed, knowing that God has not called me to simply bear witness to my faith inside of our sanctuary, not just behind the walls and property line of our church.

I prayed...

And I thanked God for that day, that softball season had come again, for our community, and all that is good about it.

I prayed for the coaches, that they would remember that the girls on their team are more important than a win,

for parents, step-parents, grandparents, and guardians who love their daughters regardless of how well or how poorly they play

and for players, that they would learn

respect for themselves and one another,

patience,

the importance of teamwork,

that they are not defined by the errors they make,

that they would learn to let go and move on when they make a mistake,

that they would be resilient, even when they face difficulty,

and that disappointment should drive them to deeper commitment and hard work.

I again thanked God at the end of my prayer, that we are able to play the good game of softball and that the girls would find joy in every game they play this season. I offered my prayer in Jesus' name, said amen, and walked back to stand with my team.

My nerves began to settle down, and I was glad that I had that opportunity to speak to God while others listened. But most notably, I am glad to have this opportunity to carry my faith beyond the walls of our church into the community. May God continue to offer us all opportunities to do so, and even when we are nervous may we have the faith to walk through the door that God opens for us.

Connecting to God...Worship



Worship in the Sanctuary on Sunday

Please join us this Sunday, April 25, at 11:00 a.m. The children will meet for Extended Session and we will have a nursery. Safety measures are in place.

Connecting to Each Other...Fellowship



Choir Practice

The choir will meet this Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

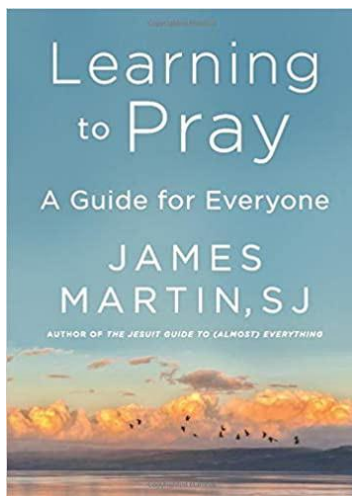
Now is a great time to join the choir!
New members are welcome!



Sunday School

We are studying *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 the Zoom session at 9:15 a.m. Click the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87174870259> and Zoom Sunday School will automatically open. 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 11:00 a.m. at the church*
and
6:30 p.m. on Zoom.
*not meeting at 11 on 4/28**

To join us click the link <https://zoom.us/j/286978612> on your computer or mobile device and the Zoom meeting will automatically open.

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 at
Greensboro College

July 19-22 Outdoor VBS
Youth Beach day in July!

For Questions or to sign up for camp,
contact Ashley Edwards

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

Announcements



Audio/Visual (A/V) Volunteers Needed

As you pray for May Memorial this week, please ask the Lord to stir the hearts of individuals to volunteer for the Audio Visual Team. Individuals willing to explore the possibility of serving one Sunday a month as a sound board or computer technician are asked to share their interest with [Diana](#) in the church office (804-598-3098). Training will be provided. This is a great opportunity for some in our congregation to become providers rather than consumers...

Joy Sanudo, Billy Kruschwitz
A/V Team Leaders



Report from the Scholarship Team

The Scholarship Team is pleased to announce that scholarships in the amount of \$800.00 each have been awarded and will be mailed in August to Anna Edwards and Josh Deal for the 2021-22 school term. Anna will be returning to Campbell University for her sophomore/junior year and Josh will be returning to JMU for his final semester as a senior. Congratulations to these fine young people! A BIG THANK YOU to the supporters of this fund who have made these scholarships possible through their contributions.

Jackie Lindsey, Team Leader, Lynne Bradbury, Constance Deal, Juston Sanudo



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!

Monday, April 19, 4:30 p.m. – Powhatan Middle School

Middle School Baseball

Tyler & Zach Bilthuis

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

Powhatan Debs (coached by Matt O'Quinn)

Alyssa O'Quinn

Wednesday, April 21 – 4:30 p.m. – Goochland

Middle School Baseball

Tyler & Zach Bilthuis

Thursday, April 22, 7 p.m. – Green Field (2505 Mann Road)

Warriors

Graham Bilthuis

Friday, April 23 – Turner Field, 6:30 p.m. (behind County Admin. Bldg.)

Powhatan Debs (Coached by Matt O'Quinn)

Alyssa O'Quinn

Saturday, April 24, 12:00 p.m. – Buckingham Field 1

Powhatan Herricanes (Coached by Michael Edwards)

Laura Edwards

Saturday, April 24, 7:00 p.m. – Green Field (2505 Mann Road)

Warriors

Graham Bilthuis

Tuesday, April 27, 6:30 p.m. – Amelia County Lot

Powhatan Debs (Coached by Matt O'Quinn)

Alyssa O'Quinn

Tuesday, April 27, 6:30 p.m. – Hidden Rock Park Field 4 (1920 Hidden Rock Lane, Maidens)
Powhatan Herricanes (Coached by Michael Edwards)
Laura Edwards

Wednesday, April 28, 4:30 p.m. – Powhatan Middle School
Middle School Baseball
Tyler & Zach Bilthuis

Wednesday, April 28, 7:00 p.m. – Green Field (2505 Mann Road)
Warriors
Graham Bilthuis



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.

Thank you

Thank You

Lester Oberg has worked to upgrade lighting throughout the church, including high efficiency bulbs and dimmers in the sanctuary. Thanks Lester!

Dear Friends at May Memorial,

Thank you so very much for your many expressions, cards, food, calls, prayers, of love and support to me during my extended illness. Knowing your prayers and thoughts are with me each day gives me comfort.. My surgery date is Tuesday, April 27th, I look forward to be free of this back pain. My Faith with our LORD is giving me the strength to know HE will wrap His loving arms around me. I am so blessed to have my loving family and friends with me. Again, I appreciate your continued prayers and get well thoughts for my upcoming surgery and rehabilitation.

Blessings to all,
Shirley Stephens

To the Rachael Circle,

David and I want to say thank you for the goody bag you left for us. It's nice to be remembered and candy is such a nice remembrance. Sorry we missed your visit, but thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Yours in Christ,
Susan Terry

Prayer List 4/19/2021

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
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
Calvin Harris, brother of Carol Williams
Judy ~~Ketron~~'s mother, Freda
Debbie Mottley's daughter
Pat Lewis – Carol Gregg
Stephen Kendal – Carol Gregg
Tommy Hawthorn

April/May Birthdays



17-Esther Fitch
20-Tristan Wills
21- Nancy Flower
23-Marshall Ware
25- Jesse Bilthuis
28- Gabe Cosby

2 - Jim Madures
5 - Scott Richards
9 - Conley Bodsford
10 - Lee Howard
12 - David Terry
14 - Jason Young

Financial Information

Our Gifts to our Lord Week of April 18, 2021

Regular Offering	\$ 3,203.50
Scholarships	25.00
Total	\$ 3,228.50