

May Memorial Baptist Church

E-Connect Newsletter 4-6-20

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

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Connecting to God...Worship

May Memorial's Worship Plan



Tomorrow, April 7, is a full moon. It is actually the first full moon after the Vernal Equinox. That makes this coming Sunday the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox. That, for the Western Church, is Easter Sunday, or Resurrection Day. But this year because of physical distancing the leadership of May Memorial has decided to have our celebration of Easter on our first Sunday back physically together in worship. That being the case, our worship plan for the next several Sundays is:

Sunday, April 12

John 13, "A New Commandment: Love One Another"

Sunday, April 19

The Passion Story from Matthew

Sunday, April 26

Keeping Vigil for Easter: God's Story of Redemption Beginning in Creation

Sunday, May 3

Keeping Vigil for Easter: God's Story of Redemption Continues in Noah



(Pictured: The May Memorial church family brought us joy by waving palms which were videotaped and added to our Virtual Worship service for April 5)



Transformers

I will start with a caveat: I'm not an electrician. My understanding of electricity is very limited, and what I do understand makes me dangerous. Several years ago, Beverley and I re-tiled our kitchen back splash, and Dover Johnston, a church member who had more knowledge and experience in his little finger than I will ever have in my whole brain, walked me through it. "You can do it, just be sure that you tape around

the outside of your receptacles after you pull them out. I didn't do it, until I had been shocked about three times. I then took his advice. Me working around electricity is not a good thing.

But I do understand what a transformer does. It is a device that takes a large amount of electricity and “transforms” it down to a safe amount for the appliance or device one is using. Travel abroad and a person not only has to have an adaptor so the plug fits, you also must “transform” that higher dose of French electricity to the voltage that the American hair dryer or curling iron or electric razor needs. If this is not done, that hair dryer purchased in America will end up fried.

People can also act as transformers. There are people who can take a lot of fear, or anxiety, or panic, and when it passes through them it is conveyed back to others in a reduced state. The opposite is also true. There are some people who take anxiety (or fear or drama in general) and they can “transform” it into an intensified, higher, voltage. You know people who do this. Transform it down, or, transform it up.

If I told you that the basement at the church is flooded, there are some people who will take that information and spiral it up, creating a greater crisis than actually exists. They will try to find people to blame, they will say unhealthy things, they will make it sound like the entire building is destroyed to a point that it can never be used again. There are others who will take that information and think about a plan, they understand that the flooded basement is not the end of the world (or the church), and they “transform” the energy down.

(The basement is not flooded.)

As we live in this time of the Coronavirus Pandemic we can easily find people doing both. Even when they are telling “the truth,” there are some who take the news and cause everyone’s level of fear and anxiety to go through the roof. They are “transforming” the healthy fear (there is healthy fear) into unhealthy fear, panic, and anxiety. Don’t keep listening to them. Turn it off. Find one or two news sources that give the information (without the commentary) each day.

Also, I must ask, what kind of transformer are you? Are you one who takes the information (about Coronavirus or anything) and escalates the situation? Who stirs it and stirs it until the drama is spilling over the top? Or, are you one of the many people who takes a crisis and offers it back to the world with a lower level of energy and anxiety? That is who God call us to be.

When Jesus was giving his disciples his final words before he went to the cross, he told them, “peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives. Let not your heart be troubled, do not let your heart be afraid.”



**Mid-Week Gathering this Week:
The May Memorial Gathering Room**

Join us for The Gathering Room on Zoom this Wednesday night. Click the link <https://zoom.us/j/286978612> on your computer or mobile device and the Zoom meeting will automatically open. Be sure your camera and microphone are turned on! You can click on the link anytime this week to be sure it will work. If you experience problems [email](#) or call Pastor Michael at (804) 922-0101.

To join with any phone: Call (312) 626-6799 around 6:25 p.m. Enter this code: 286 978 612

**Church Wide Zoom Sunday School
Sunday Morning, 9:45**

Click the link <https://zoom.us/j/373897124> and Zoom Sunday School will automatically open. Be sure your camera and microphone are turned on! You can click on the link anytime this week to be sure it will work. If you experience problems [email](#) or call Pastor Michael at (804) 922-0101.

To join with any phone: Call (312) 626-6799 around 9:40 a.m. Enter this code: 373 897 124

Connecting to Each Other...Fellowship



Join Us For Rachael Circle - on Zoom! April 14th

The Rachael Circle invites all ladies to join the meeting and catch up with others in the church. You may join us on your computer or on your phone.

To join by computer or iphone click here: <https://zoom.us/j/823843718>. anytime from 11:45 to 12:00 noon.

To join with any phone: Call (312) 626-6799 around 11:55 a.m.
Enter this code: 823 843 718. We hope to see you then!

Connecting to the World...Missions

Medical Mask Project



**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.

Prayer List April 6, 2020

CHURCH FAMILY:

Don Adkins
Barbara Barden
Judy Boelt
Susie Brock
Pat Cover
Lee Duncan
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

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
Lennox Family
Helen Fitzgerald, friend of Diana and B.J. Smith
Family of Ersell Brinser, Aunt of Karen Cheatham
Family of Shirley Reynolds
Chloe, granddaughter of Amy&Bill Karnolt who is in the hospital
Nurses, Erin and Melissa, relatives of the Karnolt's

Logan Cook, son of Bruce Cook and Susan Cook and grandson of
Wilford and Linda Poore of Amelia. Logan is in basic training for
National Guard in Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. He fell down two
flights of steps and injured his back and is in hospital there.

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

Tentative Schedule

Birthdays

Sundays:

8:00 a.m. A Virtual Worship Service
will be shared on the website and
through email

9:45 a.m. Sunday School through Zoom

5:30 p.m. Soul Food will meet through Zoom

Wednesdays:

6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Gathering through Zoom

April

6-Amanda Seaman
10-Judy Potter
10-Paul Roberts
14-Gladys Rabon
15-Sarah Willis
17-Esther Fitch
20-Tristan Wills
21-Nancy Flower
25-Jesse Bilthuis
28-Gabe Cosby

Financial Information

May Memorial Financial Information:

Weekly Offerings:

3/23/2020 \$14,204.50
3/30/2020 \$ 5,270.00
4/6/2020 \$ 5,807.50