May Memorial Baptist Church

E-Connect Newsletter 4-6-20

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

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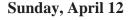


Connecting to God...Worship



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:



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

Sunday, April 19

The Passion Story from Matthew

Sunday, April 26

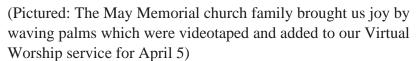
Keeping Vigil for Easter: God's Story of Redemption Beginning in

Creation

Sunday, May 3

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

Noah





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



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 Marvvel

at mtbfirda@gmail.com or (804) 712-0764.

Prayer List April 6, 2020

CHURCH FAMILY: FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Don Adkins Stephen Breeden, Son of Martha Oberg Estelle Davis, Debbie Elam's mother Barbara Barden

Lacie Baggett Judy Boelt

Susie Brock Libby Gregg, daughter-in-law of Carol Gregg

Stuart Yeorge Pat Cover

Lee Duncan Ben Spoon, friend of Juli Garrett

Nick Elam Suzi and Steve McClung

Matthew Berger, friend of Joy&Juston Sanudo Don Fitch

Clyde Martin, brother of Esther Fitch Esther Fitch Jeff Crews, Susie Brock's brother-in-law Bea Gallier Sheri Sadie, Nancy Flower's Daughter Rick Gallier Bobby Wells, Gladys Rabon's sister Jean Hall

Bill Ketron Sharon Baltimore, friend of the Bradbury's Bill Casper, Bill Karnolt's brother-in-law Fran O'Donnell Jim Pinkley Justin Yancey, Grandson of Irma Alvis

Shirley Reynolds Stephanie Hay, Karen and Ray's daughter-in-law

Jeff Spoon Jodi Erpelding, friend of Jeanan Krueger

David&Susan Janie Dean

Phyllis Lester, Ed Utt's sister Terry

Nancy Wilkinson Shawn Neugent, friend of the Sheltons

Mike Vidra Janice Worsham

Virgil Stroud, Lisa Gregory's father

MILITARY: Scott Richards' parents

Danny Myers, Brent Lennox Family

Templeton, Quint Sutton, Helen Fitzgerald, friend of Diana and B.J. Smith David Brizendine, Family of Ersell Brinser, Aunt of Karen Cheatham

Jeremiah Clift, Nelson Family of Shirley Reynolds

Sutton, Justin Donnavon, Chloe, granddaughter of Amy&Bill Karnolt who is in the hospital

Austin, Breeden, Caleb Nurses, Erin and Melissa, relatives of the Karnolt's

Hammer,

Kris Curtis 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