

May Memorial Baptist Church
E-Connect Newsletter 5-5-2020

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

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In the heart of the Courthouse Village
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On Sunday we learned again that the rainbow reminds us of God's good promise to all God created. The rainbow is a reminder. ...





Do Nothing

The spiritual community of Richmond Hill, located in the Church Hill area of Richmond, brings together a diverse group of individuals from the Central Virginia region and beyond. There's Baptists and Catholics and Episcopalians and Lutherans and Methodists. There's people of European descent and African descent and Asian descent. There are wealthy Richmond business-people and "residents" who live at Richmond Hill while serving the community and finding their vocation there. There's pastors and seminary graduates and church laypeople. It is a remarkably diverse place.

One of my closer friends at Richmond Hill is a Richmond Attorney. He is a "super-lawyer," practicing law for years in Virginia and teaching at the University of Richmond Law School. In the second half of his life he became serious about his spiritual life and was trained as a Spiritual Director. He is active in his local church, a large Episcopal Parish in Richmond. We have several things in common, but we come from very different backgrounds.

I enjoy the time I am able to spend at Richmond Hill with Jack, he prays for me and offers good feedback to my ideas and questions.

Jack has told me that when he consults with clients, often the hardest thing for the client to understand is the importance for them to do nothing. To not reply, react, reach out, move forward, or attempt to help their case. He told me that people most often cannot hear "do nothing," so he would tell them to "sit tight." For some reason, Jack said, "sitting tight" seemed like an active image, and people would come closer to hearing that than "do nothing."

The past seven weeks in our nation is a good example of our struggle to "do nothing." We find it extremely difficult to stay home, to sit tight, to simply stay in place. We have been living in a world of movement and rushing for so long, to sit tight seems to be the hardest of tasks. In addition to our struggle with "sitting tight" there are the millions of citizens for whom sitting tight also means a financial hardship that they and their families cannot bear.

The Church, and before that God's Jewish People, have been preaching the importance of waiting, of being still, of patience, for thousands of years. The importance of waiting for God, of being patient with each other. And it is a lesson that we have not carried with us very well.

I would like for this time of "stay at home" to come to an end soon. I would like for businesses to be able to re-open and for people to be able to go back to work. I pray that this virus would end, and that tens of thousands of people would not have their lives taken. But, on a less serious level, I long for us to be physically back together as a church. And yet I believe the most important thing for us to do right now is still "sit tight."

I also pray that when this is over that we will not return to business as usual. That the things we have recognized as important will continue to be important. The simple, free, slow, nurturing habits that we nearly forgot, may they continue to be our practices long after this virus is controlled.

Connecting to Each Other...Fellowship



Walking Ministry

Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.

We welcome you to come to the parking lot of the church at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. We had a nice turnout last week. Join us this week!

We will walk the village loop through Scottville. We will observe social distancing. Masks will be available if you would prefer to wear one.



Kingdom Kids meeting on ZOOM!!

Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking this link, then follow the directions by Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2770321474>

To join with any phone: Call (312) 626-6799

Enter the meeting code: 277 032 1474

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 the World...Missions

Medical Mask Project



Fabric Masks - UPDATE

This message is from Laura Davis, Director of Missions Involvement, WMU of Virginia

"We have met the goal for our original mask request for the Envoy at the Village skilled nursing facility- yay! However, we continue to collect masks and distribute them to the Standing Rock community as well as local community members who are at a heightened risk such as health care facilities, essential workers, and community members in need. We also encourage people to consider folks in your local community who may need them as well, especially given the recommendation for all of us to wear masks when we are out in public. Thanks for all you are doing to care for others during this time!"

Prayer List May 4, 2020

For any changes, please contact Diana at (804) 598-3098

CHURCH FAMILY:

Don Adkins
Barbara Barden
Judy Boelt
Susie Brock
Lee Duncan
Nick Elam
Don Fitch
Esther Fitch
Bea Gallier
Rick Gallier
Jean Hall
Bill Ketron
Paul Lindsey
Fran O'Donnell
Jim Pinkley
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
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
Virgil Stroud, Lisa Gregory's father
Scott Richards' parents
Lennox Family
Helen Fitzgerald, friend of Diana and B.J. Smith
Chloe, granddaughter of Amy&Bill Karnolt
Nurses, Erin and Melissa, relatives of the Karnolt's
Logan Cook, grandson of Wilford and Linda Poore.
Tim Martindale, friend of Bob & Vicki Kruschwitz
Michelle Haab, Niece of Bill Ketron
Pam Polk Mottley, Ed Mottley's sister
Family of Vera Flippin, relative of Jeanne Matthews
Family of Bobby Wells, Gladys Rabon's sister

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:

8:45 a.m. A Virtual Worship Service will be shared on Utube Premier. Will be accessible after that on website and through email

9:45 a.m. Zoom Sunday School

5:30 p.m. Zoom Soul Food

Tuesdays:

1:00 p.m. Walking Ministry

Wednesdays:

3:30 p.m. Zoom Kingdom Kids

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

May

- 2- Jim Madures
- 2-Lydia O'Donnell
- 5-Scott Richards
- 9-Conley "Squirrel" Bodsford
- 10-Lee Howard
- 12- David Terry
- 13-Hayden Smith
- 14-Jason Young
- 16-Haley O'Donnell
- 17-Kenneth Carter
- 18-Maryvel Firda
- 19-Monica Waters
- 20 - Jake Blandford
- 21-Debbie Ahladas
- 24-Brooks Ann Smith
- 24-Courtney Deal
- 24-Noah Jarrell
- 25-Gerald Hagen

Financial Information

Our Gifts to our Lord Week of May 3:

Regular Offering \$4,775.00

Total \$4,775.00