

September 2018

Hatcher Herald

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A Letter from Interim Pastor Maria Lynn

Dear Hatcher Church Family,

One year ago, I began serving as your Interim Pastor. For me, it has been a wonderful and challenging experience. I've discovered a deeper love for God's church and each of the areas of ministry. I've enjoyed worshipping together with you, listening to your struggles and sharing in your grief at the loss of loved ones. We've been challenged together to examine what makes us tick and why we continue to find ourselves in transition. You've been gracious participants in our leadership retreats in which we embarked on a journey of serious soul searching. You've been busy with maintenance tasks that have improved the condition of our church building physically and in discipleship efforts to understand God's desire for our spiritual lives. You have been patient with the ongoing rotation of ministry staff as each new season brought changes. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside you and for all the Spirit has taught us together.

As our covenant with one another is up for renewal, I must say, with sincere regret and a lot of personal grief, that I must step back from this interim position. When I began a year ago, I knew that I could give a year to Hatcher with hopes of finishing my degree. Little did I know, I'd have a series of significant family celebrations and losses that have impacted my ability to accomplish my academic goals. It is time that I stop and complete this work by the end of November. My last day with you will be Sunday, September 16.

I have been working with church leaders to put a plan in place to cover the pastoral functions. The Rev. Dr. Ken Kessler will continue to preach until the end of September. It is with great affirmation that I share with you that the Rev. Terry Sharpe will serve as your part-time Interim Pastor, beginning October 1. His responsibilities will be limited to preaching, pastoral care, and the Wednesday prayer meeting / Bible study. Administrative responsibilities have been delegated to David Dunston for Church Council and Debbie Welch and Susan Haynes for office staff among other point people for various needs.

I look forward to celebrating the day you install your new pastor and know that you will extend the same love and grace you've offered me. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your pastor. It has been one of the greatest blessings of my life.

My prayers are with and for you – you're always on my mind and in my heart.

Grace to you,

Rev. Maria Lynn

Interim Pastor

Among Our Church Family

WELCOME

We welcome new members Rev. Terry Sharpe and his wife, Doris, to our church family!

IN MEMORIAM

Thomas "Del" Moore
August 14, 2018

Janice Brammer
September 1, 2018

SYMPATHY

Wanda Ogle in the death of her cousin,
Frederick Blair.

Chris Fleet and his girlfriend, Mackenzie Burkett,
in the death of her mother, Annette Burkett,
Thursday, August 16, 2018.

June Banes and Cindy McNew in the death
of their nephew, C.T. Washington,
Tuesday, August 21, 2018.

LAMB'S Basket

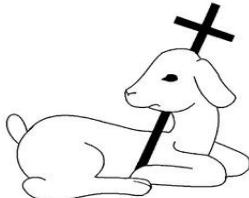
Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church participates in LAMB'S Basket (Lakeside Area Ministries Board), a food access organization in Henrico, which serves as many as 75 hungry people each of the three days they are open each week.

Hatcher Church is scheduled to volunteer the following dates in September:

- Friday, September 7
- Friday, September 14
- Monday, September 17
- Friday, September 28

Please put donations in the collection boxes just outside the sanctuary, and they will be picked up and delivered weekly.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Susan Haynes.



September Mission Project

Volunteers are needed to help with the Noah's Children Carnival from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, September 22. This is specifically for the siblings of patients in Noah's Children, and takes place on a farm in the Huguenot Trail area.

Volunteers are needed for set up, clean up, registration, games, parking, concessions, and greeters. We will meet at the church, then carpool. Please contact Kathy Ridenour at 840-9847 or Sue Mitchell at 513-4086 if you can help, even for just a few hours.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 8 McShin Recovery Fest
Noon - 5, Parking Lot

Sunday, September 9
11 a.m., Sanctuary Church Leader Recognition
Noon, Room 270 Church Council Meeting

Monday, September 10 Personnel Committee
5:30 p.m., Conference Room Meeting

Tuesday, September 11 Women on Mission
10:30 a.m., Imperial Plaza

Wednesday, September 12 Fall Kickoff
5 p.m., Fellowship Hall Dinner
6 p.m., Room 270 Discipleship
7 p.m., Sanctuary Chapel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 13 Finance Committee
6:45 p.m., Conference Room Meeting

Sunday, September 16
Noon, Parlor Reception for Rev. Maria Lynn

Thursday, September 20 Love and Fellowship
10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 23 HMBC 96th Anniversary Covered Dish Luncheon
Noon, Fellowship Hall
After Luncheon, Room 270 Deacons Meeting
After Luncheon, Conference Room McShin Partnership Meeting

Saturday, September 29 CDC Yard Sale
7 a.m. - 2 p.m., Parking Lot

Endowment Fund News

Belinda Blanchard, Committee Chairperson

The Endowment Fund has truly been blessed this year. Members and friends have given to extend their spirit, influence, and support of the specific Christian ministries selected by the congregation in 1983. Throughout the years, contributions, plus reinvestment of earnings from these contributions, have enabled the fund to grow and provided resources to carry out these objectives.

Recently the Endowment Fund has helped with several significant church opportunities. Sixty-seven new windows have been installed, including wrapping the window sills. The East Wing now has **all** new insulated windows. Approximately half of the cost of the windows was paid for from Easter offerings and the rest from the Endowment Fund. There have been two leaking roof projects. The roof over the parlor has been replaced and the roof above the organ repaired. The Endowment Fund provided \$29,400 for these projects.

Additionally, the Endowment Fund awarded Daniel Ripley \$3,000 in educational assistance as he pursues his Master of Divinity degree at Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. As one Committee member said, "There couldn't be a more deserving individual."

Thank you for our support throughout the years.

Women on Mission

**Tuesday, September 11 • 10:30 a.m.
Imperial Plaza**

The Hatcher/Imperial Plaza Women on Mission will meet at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 11, in the Virginia Room at Imperial Plaza. Our guest speaker will be the Rev. Jennifer Turner, director of the Oregon Hill Baptist Center. We will have a devotion, pray for our missionaries, and discuss our mission involvement project for September, followed by lunch and fellowship around the table.

Love and Fellowship

Thursday, September 20 • 10:00 a.m.

The Love and Fellowship group will meet for lunch and entertainment at 10 a.m. Thursday, September 20, in the Fellowship Hall.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are several activities coming up where we are in need of volunteers. We would appreciate any help you may be able to provide.

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We will have a table at Recovery Fest on Saturday, September 8, from noon to 5 p.m. We will be handing out Recovery Bibles to those attending. Cecilia Fleet is organizing this project, but she is looking for someone to take the lead on the day of the event, as well people to man the table. Contact Cecilia Fleet by telephone at 310-6998 or by email at [shecrab99@yahoo.com](mailto:shecrab99@yahoo.com) if you are interested.

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We will have our fall kickoff dinner and discipleship class starting at 5 p.m. Wednesday, September 12, We are looking for individuals who would be willing to prepare food, set tables, serve food, and wash dishes, for our Wednesday fellowship dinners. It's great fun to serve on the team, and we hope to minimize the work by having a good rotation of folks who can assist! Let Pastor Maria Lynn know if you are willing to help.

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The Buildings and Grounds Committee is looking for volunteers on the weekends of September 14 and 21 to help with moving items on the first floor of the Child Development Center. The floors of the CDC will be stripped and re-waxed those weekends, so help is needed moving items out on Friday nights at 6 p.m. and returning them on Sunday mornings. If you are able to help, please email Debbie Welch at [welch34@comcast.net](mailto:welch34@comcast.net) or call her at 389-2061.



## Hatcher CDC Yard Sale

We all have items for which we need to find new homes.

The Parents' Group of the Hatcher Child Development Center is sponsoring a yard sale beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday, September 27.

Space rental is \$10. A sign up sheet will be posted outside CDC Director Jo Mitchell's office on the first floor or call the CDC office at 262-6002.

## Thank You Notes

Dear Hatcher Family,

Thank you all so much for your love and support during this difficult time. It is so greatly appreciated. All the sympathy cards are so sweet and very much words of your generous support and encouragement. Thank you for all the prayers and hugs. Your presence meant so much to our family. Thank you for taking the time to attend Lisa's funeral.

Love in Christ. **Phyllis Johnson**



Dear Hatcher Family,

Hi, I want to thank my wonderful Hatcher family so much for the stack of cards I have! Without you I would not have been able to survive nor beat this AML!

Science is great and prayer is paramount! So many people have been involved in helping me able to endure all of this!

I spent my whole adult life without any family. Looks like I can't say that anymore! With Hatcher & Bethlehem Baptist members, and now a sister in Alabama I recently met, it seems as though I am part of a huge caring family!

I will get my sister's stem cells pretty soon, and the most arduous journey is still ahead. First goal is to survive 30 days, then the next goal is 100 days!

Please keep praying on my behalf, while I fight very hard, to do everything the professionals say I must and must not do in order to beat the odds for survival!!

Thank you' all so very, very much!

**Charlie Davis**

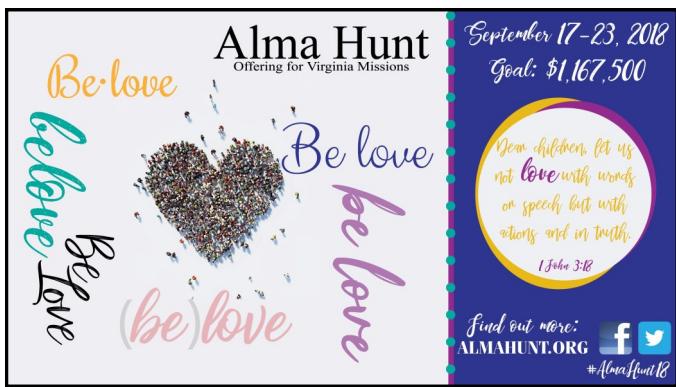


Dear Friends of Standing Rock,

Thank you for your investment in the needs of the children on the Standing Rock Reservation! Your gifts and donations continue to humble us! The amount of beautiful handmade pillowcases, as well as the many donations for the purchase of new pillows was unbelievable! The number of shoes and underwear you gave this year was amazing! The volunteer hours spent tagging shoes, sorting socks, and counting prizes — invaluable! The gift cards which enable us to operate on site when needs arise are — well, priceless!

The items brought by our teams are anticipated and welcomed by the children each year. Your partnership in the WMUV Standing Rock effort is vitally important as we seek to provide a ministry of reconciliation and hope with our Lakota friends.

Blessings, **Laura Davis,**  
**WMU of Virginia**



The annual offering for Virginia missions was named for **Alma Hunt** (1909-2008), a native Virginian who was known worldwide for her missions service and her unswerving dedication to the cause of Christ. Churches and individuals may contribute at any time.

The offering provides funding for all Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) missions and ministries and makes possible other special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives not funded through regular streams of giving (but uniquely connected to Virginia Baptists).

Since 1976, this offering has been a joint venture between WMUV and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV). When you give to the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions, you are equipping those who seek to share with others how God has set them free to live and serve.

## Adopt a College Student

A number of Hatcher Church young people are in college and could use some love from their church family. We currently have 10 students "up for adoption."

What do I do? How about sending a card, letter, text, or email periodically. Why not send a treat on special occasions? Be sure to pray for them!

If you are interested in "adoption," either as an individual or a class, please let Cynthia May know no later than Sunday, September 9, and she will provide you with information for your graduate. If you have sponsored in the past and would like to keep your same student, you may do so.

To get involved, email Cynthia May at [mrs.may@verizon.net](mailto:mrs.may@verizon.net) or call her at 221-1869.

## HATCHER CHURCH LEADERSHIP FOR 2018—2019

### Deacons

Chair — David Dunston  
Co-Vice Chairs — Mitch Wilhelm, Lena Taylor

Susan Dawson  
Mary Dunston  
Virginia Garrett  
Eddie Harris  
Susan Haynes  
Cookie Martin  
Bill Moseley  
Karen Stamey (Yoke)  
Lena Taylor  
Debbie Welch  
Jerry Welch

### Church Officers

Moderator: Rick Bancroft  
Treasurer: Jackie Matthews  
Clerk: Sharon Vecchione

### Program Leaders:

Outreach / Mission Director: Cecilia Fleet  
Sunday School Director: Alice Phillips  
Love & Fellowship: Kay Craig  
Youth Director: Cynthia May

### Church Committee Chairpersons and Team Leaders:

Audio/Visual/Lighting: Charlie Fleet  
Building and Grounds: Jim Blanchard  
Child Development Center: Sharon Vecchione  
Counting: Mary Atwell  
Endowment: Bob Llewellyn  
Finance: Belinda Blanchard  
Flower & Decorating: Betty Bancroft  
Hostess: Kay Craig  
Kitchen:  
Personnel: Susan Haynes  
Transportation: Ray Clary  
Ushers: Eddie Harris and Bubba Garnett

## Pastor Search Update

Wayne Duke, Committee Chairperson

The Pastor Search Committee met three times during the month of August. We are diligently seeking God's discernment as we await resumes to be submitted. We will then review the resumes and select a pool of candidates that the committee feels would most fit Hatcher. This pool of candidates will be asked to provide the committee further information, such as each candidate's salvation experience and call to ministry, church ministry experiences, feelings about denominational issues, and other items. Thus, it will be a back and forth process once we establish a pool of candidates.

Your patience with us is appreciated. As Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:58: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain to the Lord." And, yes, we are toiling!

## MCSHIN RECOVERY/SUPPORT MEETINGS

All meetings in the West Wing

|       |                       |                              |                                     |                             |
|-------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sun   | 12 – 5<br>Office Open | 6:00 NA                      |                                     |                             |
| Mon   | 12:00<br>Noon<br>AA   | 5:30<br>Women's<br>NA        | 6:30<br>Yoga for<br>Recovery        | 7:00 NA<br>7:00<br>Nar Anon |
| Tues  | 12:00<br>Noon<br>AA   | 7:00 AA                      | 7:00<br>YPNA                        | 7:00<br>Grief<br>Support    |
| Wed   | 12:00<br>Noon<br>AA   | 6:00<br>Community<br>Meeting | 7:00<br>Families<br>Anon<br>7:00 NA | 7:00<br>Family<br>Education |
| Thurs | 12:00<br>Noon<br>AA   | 6:00 NA                      | 6:00<br>Rainbows<br>Recovery        |                             |
| Fri   | 12:00<br>Noon<br>AA   | 7:00 NA                      | 8:15<br>YPNA                        |                             |
| Sat   | 8:30 a.m.<br>CoDA     | 9:45 OEA                     | 11:00<br>Debt A                     | 8:00 NA                     |

THE MCSHIN FOUNDATION'S 14TH ANNUAL

# RECOVERY FEST & BBQ COOK OFF

9TH ANNUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SANCTIONED BY KANSAS CITY BARBEQUE SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2018 FROM 12-5 PM

THE MCSHIN FOUNDATION  
2300 DUMBARTON RD RICHMOND VA 23228

STATE AGENCIES      RECOVERY RESOURCES      FOOD

VENDORS      FAMILY FUN      NONPROFITS      MUSIC

CORN HOLE

SPEAKERS TO INCLUDE RYAN HAMPTON, BRANDON NOVAK AND WENDELL SCOTT JR.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ALDEN AT [ALDENG@MCSHIN.ORG](mailto:ALDENG@MCSHIN.ORG), CALL (804) 249-1845 OR CHECK OUT [BBQ.MCSHIN.ORG](http://BBQ.MCSHIN.ORG)

**SMOKIN' MEAT... NOT DRUGS**

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Rev. Dr. Ken Kessler, Supply Preacher

Mr. T. Wesley Moore, Interim Music Director  
for the Traditional Service

Mrs. Chris Patch, Interim Worship Leader

Mr. J. Warren Mitchell, Church Organist

Mrs. Cynthia May, Youth Director

Mrs. Jo Mitchell, Director, Child Development Center

Ms. Susan Compton, Office Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Jennifer Ramos, Financial Secretary

Mrs. Kay Craig, Love & Fellowship Coordinator