

Hatcher Herald

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From Communion...

To Passing the Peace of Jesus...

To Palm Sunday...

To Holy Week...

To the Easter Season...



Christian Churches are Balancing Tradition with Precaution

How can the church be the church if people cannot gather in our traditional sanctuary space?

One paradox at the center of this question is that at times when the news is full of catastrophic headlines, a house of worship feels, to many people, like a natural place to go for comfort and support. But in the midst of a pandemic, gathering with other people in the same close physical space is sometimes the worst possible idea.

Yet on some level, isn't overcoming fear to gather in community the point of Christianity? One of the things that Jesus is most famous for is being a healer and specifically often reaching out and showing love and compassion for people who had leprosy, which was probably a name for a bunch of different conditions at that time, but something that would cause one to be socially ostracized and marginalized. If the church is going to be faithful to that mission and ministry of Jesus, then we absolutely have to figure out ways to extend that healing and compassion without putting ourselves and others at risk. Where is Hatcher Church if it is not meeting together on Sunday? Our members on Monday through Saturday are serving in the community — at food banks, soup kitchens, hospitals, schools, and day care centers. We are the hands and feet of Christ out in the world. We are providing a praying ministry and physical presence to those who have no hope and need reminding they are God's children and they are not forgotten. Our members are praying for the marginalized, the disenfranchised, the people who are terrified, the homeless. ... How do we be church when we can't gather on Sunday mornings...**the answer is simple**, we are gathered on Monday through Saturday mornings praying, serving, worshipping, feeding, healing. The church is doing what it is called to be.

It is indeed my hope to worship together again when possible on Sundays. Let us pray that God will lead to a healing environment of health and safety.

Pastor Sharpe

Worship & Discipleship

2020 EASTER OFFERING PROJECT

Water Valves, Faucets and Lines

In recent weeks we have experienced a number of serious plumbing issues in the East Wing. Sticking toilet valves led to several recent overflows necessitating the services of ServPro twice and requiring the CDC to close one day. We also experienced toilet valves sticking late last fall resulting in enormous water bills. These valves are very expensive and require the building water to be cut off in order to repair. When the water was turned back on only half of the building had cold water. Three plumbers have not been able to determine the source of the problem and we are currently operating with a temporary fix. Therefore, Hatcher's Finance Committee and Buildings and Grounds Team have selected plumbing problems in the East Wing as our Easter offering project **REPLACING ALL VALVES AND ANY FAUCETS THAT NEED TO BE FIXED**. Additionally, the old water lines may need to be replaced.

The generous contributions to Easter projects in the past have funded significant worthwhile projects. In recent years we replaced all of the windows in the East Wing and repainted/reglazed the sanctuary windows. This year if we receive funds in excess of our plumbing needs, we would also like to resurface the parking area behind the sanctuary. There are sinkholes and large cracks. This area serves the parents picking up children from the CDC in addition to church members. We look forward to accomplishing these projects!

- Belinda Blanchard, Finance Chair



WEEKLY DEVOTIONALS

In addition to Pastor Sharpe's video messages on the Hatcher Facebook page, we've included devotional and activity pages for each Sunday through April in this edition of the Herald.

These are also being mailed to members of the Adult Sunday School Classes. Additionally there will be a weekly devotional and children's activity pages sent out with the Wednesday prayer list each week, *Please continue to communicate with us in the church office about your prayer needs!*

WAYS TO GIVE

Some of you have asked about the best way to give your tithes and Easter offering during this time:

- Mail to Hatcher Church
2300 Dumbarton Road,
Henrico, VA 23228

- Drive thru Drop-Off

Call us and we can arrange to meet you at the ramp entrance to receive your offering
266-9696

- We are considering online options for the near future

Thank you for your generosity!

Among our Fellowship

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!!

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| April 1 | Cookie Martin |
| April 6 | Sydney Taylor |
| April 9 | Shawn & Bob Carlton Anniversary |
| April 10 | Wanda Ogle |
| April 12 | Judy Moore |
| April 16 | Edith Greaner |
| April 17 | Miriam James |
| April 19 | Terry & Gary Hoover Anniversary |
| April 22 | Kim Schenk |
| April 24 | Lena Taylor |
| April 25 | Diane & Neil Wert Anniversary |
| April 28 | Jean McFadden |

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to the family and friends of those who've recently lost loved ones:

Carson Brickey **March 20**
Grandson of Janet Patch Farthing

HATCHER SHUT—IN MEMBERS

SALLY BAUGHAN
BETTY BLANCHARD
JUDY BOWDEN
CATHY BUCHANAN
JANICE CARLTON
LEO CARMAN, SR.
JENELLE DAVIS
THELMA GREENWOOD
EDWINA HALE
BESSIE HANNAN
VIRGINIA HATCHER
SHIRLEY HARRIS
MARIE HILL
MIRIAM JAMES
ANN AND ROY LEE
CAROLYN AND IRVIN LLOYD
MARGARET MAYES
JEAN MCFADDEN
JOHNNIE PEDIGO
MARY PENNINGTON
BETTY RAGLAND
TRUDY RIPLEY
ELEANOR SIZEMORE
SHIRLEY SMITH
BETTY SPENCER
MARY TUCK
JANE WREN



HATCHER CHURCH LEADERSHIP FOR 2019-2020

- indicates serving one additional year & rotates off in 2020

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2017-2020

Mary Dunston
Eddie Harris
Debbie Welch
Jerry Welch
Susan Dawson*
Mitch Wilhelm*

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Karen Stamey

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Church Officers

Moderator: Rick Bancroft
Treasurer: Jackie Matthews
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Program Leaders

Outreach/ Mission Director: Sue Mitchell and
Kathy Ridenour
Sunday School Director: Alice Phillips
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Committee Chairpersons

CDC: Sharon Vecchione*
Counting: Mary Atwell
Endowment: Bob Llewellyn
Finance: Belinda Blanchard
McShin: Cecilia Fleet
Nominating: Sandra Wiltshire
Personnel: Susan Haynes*

Team Leaders

Audio/Visual: Ray Clary
Building & Grounds:
Flower & Decorating: Betty Bancroft
Hostess: Kay Craig
Kitchen: June Banes
Transportation: Ray Clary
Ushers: Eddie Harris

Building Use Coordinator : Bill Moseley
Wedding Coordinator: Margie Pugh
McShin Board Representative: Cecilia Fleet

Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church

Rev. Terry Sharpe, Pastor

Rev. Charlie Fleet, Campus Pastor, Ministry and Administration

J. Warren Mitchell, Jr., Minister of Music

Jo Mitchell, Director, Child Development Center

Stuart Joerg, Organist

Jennifer Ramos, Financial Secretary

Rev. Dr. Maria Lynn, Church Office Ministry Coordinator

Kay Craig, Love & Fellowship Coordinator