

Hatcher Herald

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FROM PASTOR SHARPE.....

There are so many health concerns and personal issues we are presently facing. Please know your church family is praying for you as we walk together through this Covid-19 era. Hatcher is attempting to provide its worship and prayer ministry on the internet through its Webpage, Facebook, and Prayer and Bible Study Zoom Meetings. Our hope is to have an outdoor informal worship and praise service this Sunday, May 31, 2020, at 11 a.m. It is planned to be held in the parking area with the worship area being near the RA House. For safety concerns, those who wish to remain in their cars may do so and a radio frequency will be given so everyone may listen on their radios, without leaving their cars. The 91.7 FM spot on your radio dial is where the service will be broadcast.

For those who wish to use lawn or outdoor chairs may do so, all while using social distancing. Your Pastoral Staff's goal is to follow the safety guidelines as prescribed by the CDC, our Governor's guidelines for healthy gathering, the White House guidelines as well as following the safety process for using gloves, hand sanitizer, six feet distancing, using face covering, following the directions of washing of hands, and timely and repeated cleaning of topical surfaces should provide what is healthy in Phase 1 while walking to Phase 2 and provide the foundation to get us to Phase 3. Your safety is our primary concern and we do not want anyone at risk to place themselves in any situation which could compromise health or personal safety. This is why Hatcher is continuing to provide Internet worship services while providing the safest means for In Place Worship. During this Phase, there is no way Hatcher can plan a Sanctuary Worship in our building as the Governor's guidelines will only allow 65, people in the sanctuary, 10, in the Balcony, and only 8, can sing in the Choir Area. This is figured with social distancing and at 50% occupancy.

Hatcher is not attempting to rush back to worship nor are we being resistant to new church ministries. However, we are evaluating every avenue open to us and are prayerfully considering the safety and well being for everyone and give an invitation to those at every emotional and spiritual comfort level. A survey will be provided on Sunday to explore interest and support as to the planning of future outdoor services until we may once again safely gather in our sanctuary.



God's richest blessings to you,

Pastor Sharpe

Mission & Ministry

HATCHER LAUNCHES BACKPACK MINISTRY

Our desire is to see students in need get food for the weekend. No student should be hungry over the two days each week when school is out. Hatcher will partner with Lynwood Holton Elementary School to help students who are underserved when it comes to food over the weekends. The social worker at Lynwood Holton Elementary School will identify the students who are in need, she will send that number of students to us. Each week a bag will be packed with two breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners, two snacks including milk and juice for the student. Then on Friday morning the bags will be delivered to the school by a volunteer from Hatcher. The social worker will ensure the students receive their bag before leaving the school on Fridays. Volunteers needed in these areas:

1. Two shopping teams will each shop once a month to stock the backpack pantry. A list will be provided.
2. Volunteers to help fill the bags weekly during the school year.
3. Volunteers to deliver the bags to the school social worker each week.

If you feel you can help in one of these areas call Towneley Gordon at 804-422-3520.

We will begin in August stocking the shelves in preparation for the opening of school in September. This could be delayed if school opens later than usual due to Covid.

Another way to help is to save plastic bags and doubling them for filling. Thank you for supporting this new ministry!

Backpack Ministry Coordinator: Towneley Gordon
Assisted by Carol McCann and Debbie Welch



HEARTS IN MOTION MISSION PROJECTS

May and June

Lambs Basket—food donations
McShin Men's Houses - toiletries and paper goods

July and August

Assist with Backpack Ministry

If you have any questions or need help getting your items to the church, please contact
Sue Mitchell (513-4086)
or Kathy Ridenour (840-9847)

Ministry Staff Updates

STAFF TRANSITIONS

There is a lot happening in the lives of our Hatcher staff and many transitions are taking place among our ministry, office and CDC staff positions. Here is an update. The Personnel and CDC Committees are working diligently to find the right people to serve among us and your prayers are appreciated as we navigate the search and transition process.

Maria Lynn is taking her leap of faith and heading to the Dakotas for June and July!!!! Keep her and Randy in prayer as they determine where God will lead. Interviews are being set up for the front desk position, BUT, Maria will continue to help with the publications via remote. There will be some volunteers to help with the coverage of the front desk until we can get the position filled.

Jo Mitchell has attempted to retire a couple of times, but life threw her several curve balls recently. COVID-19 was one; the passing of her sister; health issues with her husband; the retirement of her Assistant Director and the leaving of her financial assistant. Yet, through ALL of this, Jo has graciously postponed her well deserved retirement to make sure the CDC was taken care of. Amazing dedication, amazing woman! Even though this chapter is coming to a close and it will truly be an adjustment to anyone who comes in behind Jo. A retirement celebration will be planned once the search for a new director is complete.

Judy Watkins, Assistant CDC Director, will retire mid-June after 41 years of service in the Hatcher Child Development Center. We are grateful for her dedication and commitment to the children and families of the Lakeside community.

Jennifer Ramos has been one of the hardest working staff members that we've had. She has decided that it would be time for her to spend more time with her family and has submitted her resignation for July 15, 2020. We will miss her so much but understand. She more than deserves it.

Daniel Ripley has been officially hired to continue doing the videos, online sermons & technical things that I cannot even begin to know such as the online church services. His official start date was May 1, 2020 and will go into August. He will be going back to full time student again at that time, so we will be keeping that in mind for the future.

Charlie Fleet is Hatcher's Associate Pastor of Ministry and Administration! What a wonderful gift to Hatcher he is with the vast amount of knowledge and hands on experience that he continues to give to us.

- Susan Haynes, Personnel Chair

THANK YOU, WARREN!

Warren Mitchell has served Hatcher Church since May of 1996. We celebrate Warren's 24 years with us as our Church Organist and now as our Sanctuary Worship Leader! Thank you, Warren!



Worship & Discipleship

THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

During the month of May and even in the midst of the Covid-19 virus concerns, our Facilities and Property Management Leadership Committee of Jim Blanchard, Rick Bancroft, Jerry Welch, and Charlie Fleet has been extremely busy. Gary Hoover's crew with the assistance of several volunteers, along with some of our ladies offering a few Guiding Fingers and Voices to point the way have provided the energy and leadership to get our Old Parlor transformed into our New Fellowship Room. Also, we will notice the exterior hallway is now painted to match the entry into the Fellowship Room.

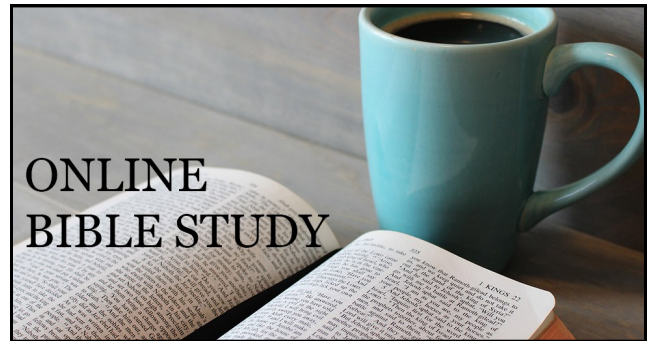
When it is safe for us to return for Bible Study and Worship Services, we will be pleasantly surprised to discover The Fellowship Room (the Old Parlor) has been completely redecorated with the repairing and painting of walls, ceiling, and with new hardwood laminate flooring. This wonderful improvement will indeed enhance not just the beauty but renew its continued use for the love and ministry of our Lord.. For those not living near the church, many may not have had the opportunity to see the beauty of our Steeple that is now lighted again for God's reminder to our community that "He lights the Way". When approaching our church in the evening it can be seen from miles away.

Sonitrol, our security provider, is being contacted to move our video and security entry from the elevator door on the first floor by the CDC to the Ramp Doorway Entry. This will provide a more secure entry process by routing deliveries, vendors, and guests away from the CDC. Therefore, it makes this more secure for our children. Another exciting announcement is the CDC Hallways, Offices, and many Classrooms were freshly painted during the two weeks it had to close. The plumbing issues, repairs, and water supply concerns for the CDC have been completed. Our Facilities and Property Management Committee has been providing leadership, decision making, and guidance at a record pace....It Deserves "A Special Thank You".

-Pastor Sharpe

HYMNAL GIVEAWAY

The Hatcher music library will be moving to another location in the very near future and we have quite a few 1955-ish and 1976-ish hymnals available [FREE]. If you want one (or two, or three), please contact Warren (ko4xb@comcast.net). If any were given "in memory" or "in honor," we will try to provide that book to the honoree or the contributor.



ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

ZOOM BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesdays at 6 pm

AND

Sundays at 9am

The links are included in the Wednesday & Friday Prayer List Emails

If you are unsure how to use Zoom please contact Charlie Fleet at 804-514-2898 or churchadministrator@hatcherchurch.org, and he will help walk you through it.

Among our Fellowship

Happy Birthday!!

June	2	Jay Dawson
June	5	Robert Redden
June	6	Dave Lynn
June	8	Virginia Garrett
June	11	Christina Dawson
June	12	Mary Dunston
June	13	Ethel Schenk
June	13	Mary Pennington
June	16	Betty Waller
June	16	Diane Wert
June	19	Virginia Hatcher
June	22	Sally Baughan
June	22	Jewell Whitlock
June	22	Rose Bookman
June	25	Doris Sharpe
June	29	Colin Lassiter

MCSHIN FOUNDATION UPDATE

McShin is still open every day healing families and saving lives. We don't have any in house events scheduled, but we do have a lot of podcasts on our Facebook page if you want to check those out. **We have started a meal train as well for the houses.** So far everyone is healthy and happy during the Covid. We hope everyone stays well!

- Honesty Liller,
McShin Foundation

SYMPATHY

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

May	3	Maggie Walton
May	10	Judi Cook
May	16	Irvin Lloyd
May	19	Peggy Goodman
May	21	Tom Matthews

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome **Juan and Mary Garcia** to our Hatcher Church family!

They joined our fellowship on May 3, 2020.

Juan & Mary Garcia
8832 Threechopt Rd Apt A
Henrico, VA 23229

Happy Anniversary!!

June	2	Jerry & Donna Myers
June	9	Cynthia & Rilton May
June	11	Charlie & Cecilia Fleet
June	23	Kathy & Roy Ridenour



HATCHER CHURCH LEADERSHIP FOR 2019-2020

• indicates serving one additional year & rotates off in 2020

Deacons

Chair — Mitch Wilhelm*
Vice Chair — Karen Stamey

Secretary: Susan Dawson*
Treasurer: Mary Dunston

2017-2020

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

2018-2021

Virginia Garrett
Bill Mosely
Karen Stamey

2019-2022

Janice Conroy
Jackie Matthews
Stuart Matthews
Donna Myers
Jerry Myers
Sharon Vecchione

Church Officers

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

Program Leaders

Outreach/ Mission Director: Sue Mitchell and
Kathy Ridenour
Sunday School Director: Alice Phillips
Love & Fellowship Coord.: Kay Craig
Backpack Ministry Coord.: Towneley Gordon

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
LAMB'S Basket Representatives: Susan Haynes, Paul & Sharon Vecchione

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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

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