

Hatcher Herald

Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church

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Dear Church Family,

Hatcher is not reopening, we never closed. Hatcher is merely revisioning and adapting to what our "New Normal" is allowing us to be. May we continue to serve, grow, and adapt in the service of our Lord.



In two outdoor services on Sundays of May 31, and June 7, we had 87 and 86 in attendance.



On Sunday, June 21, we experienced our first in Sanctuary worship since March 8, with 80 attending. Even in the midst of this crisis Hatcher is on target in meeting its budget and our involvement in Bible Study remains very strong under the leadership of Betsy Ripley.

Pastor Sharpe

From the Pastor

THE GOVERNOR'S GUIDELINES FOR SANCTUARY WORSHIP

HATCHER EDITION

1. The Deacons are appointed and identified as the Leadership Committee for the Worship preparation and compliance as Hatcher begins its Sanctuary Worship Services. ***The Deacons will begin seating everyone at 10:30.***
2. ***Everyone is encouraged to arrive early, prior to the 11 a.m.*** starting time of the worship service.
3. The Deacons will have tables at the ramp entrance ***with face masks, gloves, and hand sanitizers to be distributed to those needing assistance.***
4. ***The Deacons will offer assistance*** as people enter the building ***to keep safe distancing.***
5. The Deacons will provide ***assistance in seating so as to maximize the seating number available*** in the Sanctuary and Balcony.
6. The ***Deacons will escort everyone into the Sanctuary through the center doors*** down the center aisle.
7. After the service, the ***Deacons will come to pew aisles and give direction for each pew to exit single file.*** Beginning at the rear pew, everyone will be instructed to stand and exit left through the West door single file. The Deacons will be placed strategically to keep the exit file moving for 6' distancing.
8. The ***Deacons will make themselves available to either the Balcony or the Fellowship Hall if there is not enough room for them for worship in the Sanctuary area.***
9. We will have ***live streaming available for 45 people in the Fellowship Hall.*** The service will be seen on the Plasma Television. An ***additional viewing area*** will be provided in the ***newly renovated Parlor for those not able to safely wear face coverings.***
10. The ***Deacons will offer face coverings (masks) to everyone*** entering the service with explanations that unless everyone wears one we cannot have sanctuary worship. ***Therefore, no face masks, no worship.***
11. ***No offering plates will be passed*** during the service. However, the plates ***will be placed near the entrance and exit doors so those wishing to give an offering*** may do so without touching anything.
12. ***No bulletins*** will be distributed; ***No hymnals*** will be handled or used in the service.
13. The worship services will have to meet the ***Governor's Guidelines with social distancing and use of face masks.***
14. These ***guidelines are being created to meet compliance*** and exceed all restrictions as imposed on churches during phase 2 and 3 of the Covid-19 crisis of 2020.
15. These ***new services are to be briefer than our normal Sunday worship to reduce restroom usage.***

Stewardship

UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Our Hatcher Family is amazingly faithful. Amidst quarantine and an extended period when we as a congregation have been unable to physically meet, we have continued to be faithful to our church and our Christian values and beliefs. Through the month of May our offerings are astonishingly close to what was budgeted. They are only \$2,300 less than budget. This is incredible since we have not had a normal worship service since March.

During the past several months we have moved forward with several significant projects. Contributions to the Easter offering were \$6,200. These funds were used to replace and proactively repair all plumbing issues in the East Wing, which has been plagued with plumbing problems. Approximately \$10,000 has been spent on plumbing issues.

The parlor and hall have been refurbished: new ceiling, new paint, new floor, new window treatments, and upholstery cleaned. This was made possible through the use of funds given in memory of Bobby Schenk and other individual donations.

The Church and the Child Development Center received funds through the CARES Act Payroll Protection Program in the amount of \$206,300. These funds are required to be used for salaries and utilities. At least 60% of the funds must be used for salaries to qualify for loan forgiveness. Since utilities are one of the permitted uses of the funds, we were able to make a large oil purchase enabling approximately a 50% savings from some of the prices paid last winter. This oil should carry the East Wing and Sanctuary through the winter.

I continue to be amazed at how God is working through our church, even in these difficult times. Our online services have been viewed by close to a 1,000 people. What a blessing and outreach.

- Belinda Blanchard, Finance Chair



VISIBLE RESULTS	
As of 6/21/2020	
Weekly Offering Envelopes 6/21	9,675.00
Total Budget Receipts YTD	236,161.92
Total Budget Needs YTD	244,125.00
Missions Receipts YTD	2,005.00
All Other Receipts YTD	22,263.82
Endowment Receipts YTD	0.00

Mission & Ministry

BACKPACK MINISTRY UPDATE

Hatcher will partner with Lynwood Holton Elementary School to help students who are underserved when it comes to food over the weekends. A meeting between the Hatcher backpack team and school leadership clarified expectations for both partners. The school leaders provided reminders for us to pack **nutritious, balanced, individual serving size portions and peanut-free products**. A display of appropriate food items will be set up in the elevator foyer for reference as you consider donating items.

At this time the school schedule has not been clarified. Students will be having class time—how often, days of the week, etc. has not been decided. The Vice-Principal assured us students in need will receive the weekend meals provided by Hatcher.

The Lynwood Holton school population includes a wide range of socio-economic levels. Did you know there are three homeless shelters near the school which house some of the Holton students? Other students live in nearby hotel rooms and others are homeless, living in their automobiles.

Volunteers are needed in these areas:

1. Two shopping teams will each shop (list provided) once a month to stock the backpack pantry.
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.

Thank you for supporting this new ministry!
Towneley Gordon & Backpack Ministry Team



HEARTS IN MOTION MISSION PROJECTS

Thank you for your contributions for the McShin Men's Houses! ***We have received plenty of towels and linens, however, we are still in need of toilet-ries.*** Please put your donations in the Seeker's Sunday School room. Thank you!

In August, we will be supporting the
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

HATCHER CDC SAYS GOOD-BYE TO TWO FAITHFUL LEADERS

Hatcher CDC has said good bye to two cherished long-time leaders: Director Jo Mitchell and Assistant Director Judy Watkins. Jo has served as the center's director for 16 years. Her accomplishments include doubling the center's enrollment and winning the Richmond's Best Award. Her greatest accomplishment has been making a difference in the lives of hundreds of children. Judy worked at Hatcher CDC for 41 years. She has served as Assistant Director since 2001. She too has made a difference for many children and their families. Both of these ladies will be greatly missed. We celebrated Jo and Judy with an outdoor and socially distant retirement party on June 25th. Many thanks to all who came and brought gifts and good wishes.

Sharon Vecchione
CDC Chair



Dear Hatcher Family,

I want to thank you for a wonderful 16 years as the CDC Director. The Church's love and support during my tenure meant the world to me. I cannot begin to express my appreciation for the members and leaders of the CDC committee during this time. These ladies are wonderful !! I love them all. I will miss seeing all the children's smiling faces each day and receiving those hugs but am excited to begin a new chapter with Bruce.

With deep love and appreciation,
Jo Mitchell

Ministry Staff Updates

Welcome New Child Development Center Director Amanda Owen



Welcome to Hatcher's new CDC Director, Mrs. Amanda Owen! Amanda moved to Virginia from Sydney, Australia five years ago. She has a Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood with a major in gifted education and drama.

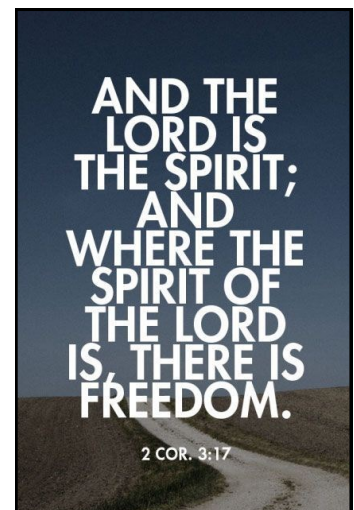
Amanda taught elementary school for 13 years and during her time as a teacher, Amanda was also a relieving assistant principal. Amanda has served as a Childcare Center Director for the past 3 years. She also authored a children's book in October, 2018 about her home country, titled A Race to Save the Australian Outback.

Amanda loves working with children and striving for success in education. She is very happy to be the new director at Hatcher Child Development Center and is looking forward to a rewarding time getting to know the children and their families and working together with the staff.

Dear Hatcher Family,

It is with a heavy but grateful heart that I tender my resignation as Associate Minister of Ministry and Administration as of July 3, 2020. I have enjoyed serving on staff at Hatcher since January of 2019 which has allowed me to grow and use the gifts God has given me for His service. I thought my Rheumatoid Arthritis was an interesting hurdle to my ministry but self-quarantine has introduced yet another level. Not being physically present has made me aware of how important it is for me to be present in body while serving. I have felt God's pull on my ministry even before Covid-19 interrupted our lives and this pull has not gone away. I feel I must take time to discern where and what God has instore for Cecilia and me. I have let Pastor Terry and Personnel Committee know that I am available by phone or Zoom to help out if needed. I will continue to pray for Hatcher in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,
Charlie Fleet,
Associate Minister of Ministry and Administration



Worship & Discipleship

WORSHIP THEME FOR JULY

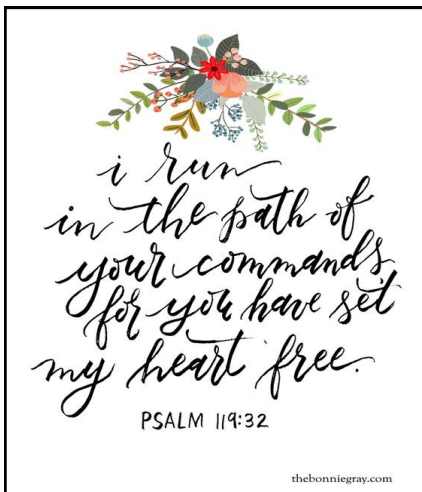
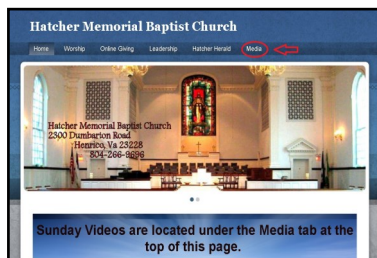
SPIRITUAL STRENGTH IN HANDLING CRISES

July 5	Facing Our Failures	Matthew 26:69-75
July 12	The Cost of Staring Over	John 8:1-11
July 19	The Courage to Take A Risk	Matthew 14:22-36
July 26	Finding Hope in Despair	John 20:24-31



SUNDAY WORSHIP VIDEOS AVAILABLE ONLINE

All Sunday Sermon video services are being archived on the Hatcher Web Page. WWW.HATCHERCHURCH.ORG. Just look under the Media Tab.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

JULY 1	The Reality of Peace and Hope	Romans 5:1-11
JULY 8	Death from Adam, Life from Jesus	Romans 5:12-21
JULY 15	Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ	Romans 6:1-14
JULY 22	The Law and Sin	Romans 7:7-25
JULY 29	Present Suffering and Future Glory	Romans 8:18-30

**ZOOM LINK IS INCLUDED WITH
WEDNESDAY PRAYER LIST**

Serving the Church

PARLOR PROJECT UPDATE

Following damage to the walls and ceiling of the parlor due to torrential rainstorms, the Building & Grounds team and the Decorating Team partnered to repair and renew the Church Parlor. Special thanks to Jimmy Blanchard in overseeing the contractors doing the work. Jimmy spent hours each day for weeks providing building access, and an occasional Coca-Cola, for these great folks! Thanks to Gary Hoover, Rick Bancroft for securing our plaster and painting contractors; Betty Bancroft, Kay Craig and Sharon Newcomb for your decorating expertise; McShin Foundation for providing muscle to move the furniture! Great teamwork!

THANK YOU!



VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE CHURCH GO 'ROUND

The Nominating Committee is at work again identifying church members that will serve on committees and ministry teams. Please say, "YES!", when they call!

"Open your hearts and let God speak to you about your volunteer work on Committees within our church. Your Church needs your support."

Sandra Wiltshire, Nominating Committee Chairperson

COMMUNICATION TEAM

The graciousness of all who are helping to get information out to the church family is most appreciated. Hatcher Church has an amazing communication team: **Daniel Ripley**, who uses his gifts as we are providing internet worship. He presents Hatcher Church well on You-Tube and Live Streaming. He has designed mid-week devotional opportunities for our church. **Ray Clary** in collaboration with Daniel ensures a continuous near seamless presence on the internet. **Kathy Ridenour**, who uses her gifts and connections to keep information flowing by email. **Jerry Myers**, who is our web master. He is working diligently to update our website with multiple pages that are forth coming. **Alice Phillips**, who is our Bible Teaching Director, communicates directly with the class teachers and members sharing special prayer requests and needs. It has been said, "It takes a village to raise a child". I say it takes a team to keep everyone informed. We are blessed to have dedicated people who are willing to use their gifts and talents to enhance the Kingdom of God here at Hatcher Church.

Pastor Sharpe

Hatcher Loves You Sign Ministry



CHURCH SIGN MINISTRY

What a pleasure to deliver a small dose of happiness to our church members with the church sign ministry during the Covid 19 pandemic! It was a message in sign of love and hope from your church family during these times of isolation and social distancing. Conceived by our pastor, Terry Sharpe, it let our church family know that they were being thought about and not forgotten. Dot Major, Alice Phillips, and Wayne Duke along with the pastor were the sign bearers. Working from a list of primarily Sunday School members, this team of sign bearers shared the love to well over 160 homes. What a joy to reconnect with our church family! This verse comes to mind:

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit ." (Romans 15:13)

Wayne Duke



Ministry Partners

PHYLLIS JOHNSON'S MCSHIN MINISTRY

Phyllis Johnson has been involved with McShin since 2012 and will be buying her third notebook that she uses to record prayer requests and the names of those she has met in her time with McShin. She states that she either prays for them collectively by having the notebooks over her heart as she prays and she goes through the notebook and prays specifically by name. She recently was involved with the McShin's *In the Heard* on-line session and was able to share Jesus after first talking about skydiving a couple of years ago to raise money for McShin. She plans, God-willing, to skydive again at a future date. Even with the Covid-19 issues, Phyllis has had 6-14 people in her Friday afternoon group and she is able to give away 2-3 Recovery Bibles each week. The groups usually turn over every 6 weeks or so and the Friday afternoon group is now looking at the book of John.

Please pray for our ministry with McShin and for those who work with the McShin Foundation as they continue to be 'Hope Dealers.' Also stop by and check out the beautiful memorial garden that was completed recently.

Cecilia Fleet, Hatcher Representative to McShin Board

CONGRATULATIONS, BOB DE TRIQUET!

Bob de Triquet has served on the McShin staff as the Director of Men's Programs for the last few years. Bob has been a wonderful supporter of Hatcher services and events. We say goodbye and congratulations to Bob as he begins a new position with another nonprofit called VARR—The Virginia Association of Recovery Residences. Bob will still be in the Hatcher building Monday and Tuesday so you might see him around!



September 12 will be the Recovery Fest and the pharmacist, Dan Schneider is the special guest. Hatcher hopes to have a table and give Recovery Bibles away. During last year's event we gave away 82 Recovery Bibles. If you can help, please contact Cecilia Fleet, 730-8615.

LAMB'S BASKET UPDATE

"LAMB 's Basket reopened on Tuesday, June 16th and will be open on a modified schedule every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 until noon. While new clients are not yet being accepted due to the close contact required during the interview process, approved clients are more than welcome. We are only distributing canned and dry goods plus some meats at this time and clients cannot come inside the pantry. Our volunteers are retrieving their food and handing it out the front door to them. On our first Tuesday we have about 15 clients and on Thursday we had 9. Overall, the first two days went well. Needed donations include canned and dry goods plus peanut butter and jelly, cereal, and snacks for the kids. Additional information can be received from the pantry answering machine message if needed (565-8007).

- Paul & Sharon Vecchione,

Among our Fellowship

July Birthdays

Donna Myers	July 3
Betty Ragland	July 3
Belinda Blanchard	July 7
Gary Hoover	July 10
Betty Bancroft	July 17
Emily Bookman	July 22
Mitzi Gentry	July 23
Shirley Harris	July 24
Benny Jones	July 25
Makaila Singleton	July 27
Bob Llewellyn	July 29
Rick Bancroft	July 29

Happy Birthday!

SYMPATHY

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

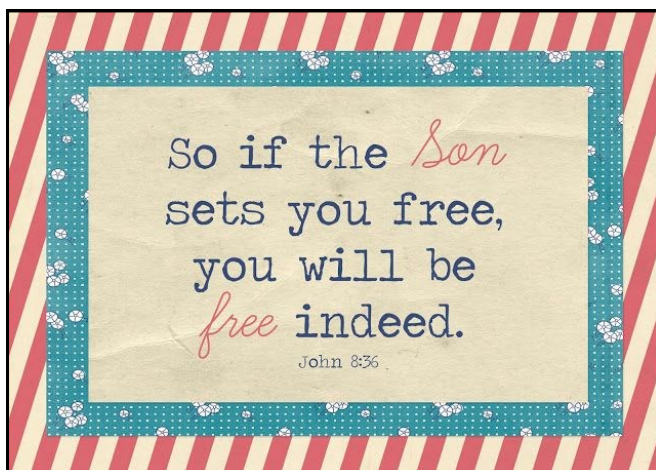
Mary Phillips June 12, 2020
Former Mother-in-law of Alice Phillips

Judy Erice June 8, 2020
Mother-in-law of Grace Lynn



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

Sharon and Paul Vecchione	July 8
Gerry and Betty Robinson	July 15
Johnnie and Sharon Newcomb	July 27



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 at ko4xb@comcast.net.

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: Jimmy Blanchard
Flower & Decorating: Betty Bancroft
Hostess: Kay Craig
Kitchen: June Banes
Transportation: Ray Clary
Ushers: Eddie Harris

Building Use Coordinator : William Moseley
Wedding Coordinator: Margie Pugh
McShin Board Representative: Cecilia Fleet
LAMB'S Basket Representatives: Susan Haynes, Paul & Sharon Vecchione

Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church

Rev. Terry Sharpe, Pastor

Charlie Fleet, Associate Minister for Ministry and Administration

Daniel Ripley, Associate Minister for Communication and Outreach

J. Warren Mitchell, Jr., Minister of Music

Amanda Owen, Director, Child Development Center

Stuart Joerg, Organist

Jennifer Ramos, Financial Secretary

Carol McCann, Interim Church Office Ministry Coordinator

Maria Lynn, Publications Editor

Kay Craig, Love & Fellowship Coordinator