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HATCHER WELCOMES



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Amanda Owen, CDC Director

Hatcher Church Welcomes Sharon McNamee as our New Church Finance Secretary. Sharon comes to us by way of Susan Haynes. Sharon will be working three days a week: Monday, Tuesday, and Fridays. Her email address is setup as sharonm@hatcherchurch.org

Sharon's background includes: working as administrator with the Rhode Island Marine Trades Association, Intern in the State Senate of Virginia in the Office of Senator John Edwards, worked within the HCA Hospital System, Instructor in English for Kalasin Province, Thailand and been an Assistant Project Manager for Kirby Perkins Construction in Williamsburg, VA.

Sharon brings a great deal of wisdom and experience to this position with us at Hatcher Church. If you have not met Sharon already, do make the effort she is just a delight.

Pastor Sharpe



From the Pastor

Loneliness.....

The unspoken COVID-19 toll on Senior Adults

This time of isolation has been so difficult for your pastor...Pastoral care has been a strength of my ministry for over 52 years in service to God's people. Being able to be there for our members who were facing surgery, hospitalizations, home confinement's, or those residing in health care facilities could always count on my visits and personal care when and where anyone was facing a personal crisis. During this Covid-19 Pandemic, this vital part of ministry has been taken from my ability to be with you. It has been so difficult in not being able to physically visit, be with you, and be there for you and your families.

So many of our Seniors are at higher risk for severe illness from the [COVID-19](#) infection. Older adults have been instructed to limit face-to-face interactions with individuals outside their immediate household to protect themselves from the novel [coronavirus](#). COVID-19 has even forced many family members to end visits to parents and grandparents or stop visiting older loved ones at nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

The implementation of physical distancing is an essential step in reducing transmission of the virus. In our effort to [flatten the curve](#), physical distancing may be causing social isolation and loneliness. Although loneliness and social isolation can affect anyone regardless of age, the elderly are particularly vulnerable, especially under the current conditions of the pandemic.

Seniors are particularly at risk because of limited (or impaired) physical mobility, less autonomy, increased vulnerability to infections, normal cognitive decline, chronic [health](#) conditions, lower injury thresholds, and higher recovery times. I am calling upon our members to be mindful of this crisis and to be in prayer for our Seniors so they will know they are being remembered with the love of Jesus, call them with a remembrance call to say hello, or drop them a note letting them know this crisis will not last forever and it will eventually be over. We all can do something...let's do this!

Pastor Sharpe

Discipleship

Bible Study Classes Beginning August 9th

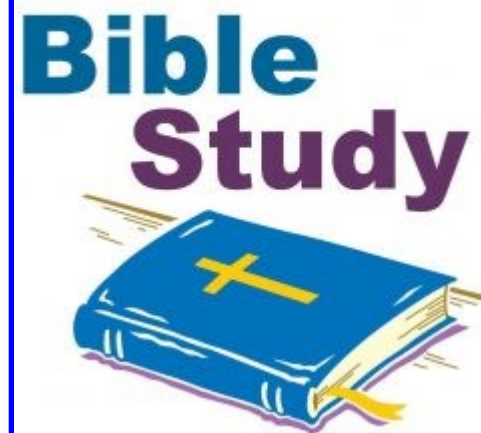
Beginning to feel like a new normal is helping us feel Normal again. All of us have been patiently waiting to start Sunday morning Bible Study classes again. Things will look different. We will all have to agree to temporarily change rooms (maybe) practice social distancing, and wear masks while in class. We will have to divide into smaller groups so we can comply with the Covid-19 restrictions. But folks, this can be done. Covid-19 will not win out against God. His words promise us we are not alone.

Here is an example of how things could look during this Covid-19 time:

A large SS class (Seekers) will meet in the Parlor or the Mary/Martha room, with six foot distancing and masks being worn. The Agape/Endeavor class, the Faith and Joy class the Mary/Martha class, and the Dunn–Wingfield Class can all meet together in room 270. The room will be set up with chairs 6 feet apart and some things will have to be moved for the time being to make this happen. And when the “storm of Covid 19 is over and masks are worn no more” we can move everything back to it’s original place. We are asking the all four classes go directly to room 270 and forgo gathering as individual classes then moving to 270. This lessens the movement in the hallway and will lessen contact .

The Trust and Obey class come together in a their room with some reconfiguration of chairs. The same can be said for the Pathfinders class. While trying to remember there are two different SS liter-atures being taught and figuring out how to safely put people in classes with enough distancing has been a challenge; we are turning that challenge into opportunities.

And to be sure, **we will keep our Zoom SS class going; knowing everyone is not comfortable gathering again. We do not want to leave anyone out.** Keep in mind, there is a need for a substitute teacher on Zoom to give Betsy Ripley a break from time to time. Please let us know if you are willing to use your gifts and talents as a substitute.



Alice Phillips, Sunday School Director

Serving the Church

From the Nominating Committee

Here are our vacant positions:

Team Coordinator Children's Ministry

Middle & High School Teachers- we have 1 middle schooler right now

Trust & Obey Teachers

Finance Committee

McShin Partnership Committee

Team Leader of Building & Grounds and members***

Deacons-Your Nominating Committee has been working hard for the last month or so and now it is your turn to help us. Deacon nominations are to come from the church congregation and are elected by the congregation. This is a wonderful way to serve your Church and the Lord. We have put a form out for you to pick up. It will be there next Sunday, too. You can put them in the offering plate, hand to a Deacon, an usher, or place in your Sunday School box next week. Sunday August 9th is the closing date for nominations.

To become a deacon at Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church:

- A deacon can be either male **or** female.
- Deacons serve for a three year term and rotate off for a year. It is a 3 year term.
- If you have never served as a deacon, you can become a YOKE DEACON for your first year. At the end of the first year, if the yoke person and the Chairman of the Deacon Board concur, the yoke person can become a DEACON.
- Deacons are to be servants of the church.
- They serve as partners with the Pastor and other ministerial staff.
- They need to be spiritual leaders of the church by maintaining the spiritual welfare and harmony of the church.
- Should always be ready to help the needy and those in distress.
- Be able to attend deacon meetings, make hospital visits, and other requests, as needed.
- Your life will become one of JOY: serving Jesus, others and yourself.

If you have any questions about becoming a deacon,

Pastor Sharpe will be glad to talk with you. Thank you, in advance for your help in the Service of our Lord Jesus.

Sandra Wiltshire-Chair of Nominating Committee



NEWS FROM CDC

Hatcher CDC is alive and well! On July 20, we had 102 children in attendance, after attendance as low as 30 children early in the quarantine period.

New Director Amanda Owen is off to a great start. We welcome Assistant Director Tabatha O' Connor who began work on July 28.

We continue to keep health and safety measures in place, including reduced classroom size, eating breakfast and lunch in classrooms, taking children's and staff members' temperatures every morning, and requiring parents to drop children off at the door rather than coming inside.

As another school year begins, please pray for the center as we create new ways to keep the children safe and help them learn.

Sharon Vecchione, Chair of CDC Committee

Hatcher Church's CDC is offering virtual learning opportunities this Fall as Richmond City Schools, Henrico County Schools and Hanover County Schools are now starting virtual Learning for 9 weeks of the first semester. Hatcher CDC is excited to offer this learning and help the parents that need to work have a safe place for their children to stay.

Right now, our CDC is preparing three different rooms on the third floor to have WIFI connection that will be strong enough to support several children on their devices. The classrooms will be set up with social distancing in place and all teachers and children on the third floor will need to wear a mask.

This is a great way for Hatcher Church and the CDC to minister the community. It will be a first for our church to reach a greater population of school children and we are eager to help children continue their opportunity to learn through virtual education.

Well, you are probably wondering how will this endeavor will work? Firstly, our WIFI connection will need to go from hard wiring to webbing. This will help to prevent any freezing, or crashes, as well as limited speed connections. The Finance Committee, the CDC Committee along with the CDC staff and Church staff have held various meetings and discussions on how we can be of great help to parents during this time; and also, how we can better equip our church and the CDC for the future.

It is important to remember that even though we are looking forward to offering our services of virtual learning we must be reminded of what Governor Northam has mandated and that is to continue with social distancing as well as continue with wearing face masks and also to continue to have no more than 12 in a classroom. The church and the CDC will continue to practice the mandated requirements and may have to even offer other rooms on the third floor or in the church building if numbers exceed.

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Mission & Ministry

BACKPACK MINISTRY UPDATE

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

The decision for schools to be virtual learning in the Richmond City Schools System has not changed the need to feed the students who are underserved and are hungry over the week-ends . This is one way we as a church will help. We still will supply the weekend bag of food: 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, an 2 snacks per student in need at Linwood Holton Elementary School. The school administration and social worker will identify the number of students who need help.

Towneley and team will hold a meeting to demonstrate packing the bags getting things ready for the students. A date has not been set yet.



Several have asked what food is needed: individual mac-n-cheese, ravioli, cereals, pop tarts, Fruit snacks, Jell-O cups, pudding cups, fruit cups, 100% juice boxes, apple sauce cups , or squeeze apple sauce, cup of noodles, ooldes of noodles, individual soup cups, bagged chips, individual bags of cookies, individual snack lunch of chicken salad and tuna salad. and Vienna sausages.



HEARTS IN MOTION MISSION PROJECTS



We will be helping with the Backpack ministry the month of August. Please bring your items to the display table in the back of the church.

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)

Happenin's In the Church

AUGUST WORSHIP THEME

Discernment Skills for Living in Today's World

AUGUST 2 *Finding Inner Strength for
Today's World*

Luke 22:7-24

AUGUST 9 *Knowing and Understand-
ing the language of Satan*

John 8:42-59

AUGUST 16 *Our Priorities Reveal Who
We Are*

Luke 10:38-42

AUGUST 23 *Stress of Receiving God's
Blessing*

Matthew 6:25-34

We extend our Christian Sympathy to t
he family of
Carroll Denzler who passed away July 27,2020



Thank You So Very Much

Thank you so much for all the cards and
calls while I was in the hospital and recov-
ering at home. I can not explain the depth
of love I have my church family. Hatcher is
the best.

Kay Craig

I am touched by the love sent through the
mail with cards in the loss of my brother.
The cards sent for my birthday also. Being
so new to the church and having the over-
whelming support means a great deal to
me. Thank you again,

Jenet Stevenson



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY TOPICS ZOOM LINK IS INCLUDED WITH WEDNESDAY PRAYER LIST

August 5 *UNDERSTANDING THE
TRANSFIGURATION*

Mark 9:2-13, Romans 8:18-39

AUGUST 12 *THE VINE-BRANCHES*

John 15:1-17, Col. 1:24-2:5

AUGUST 19 *WHEN TO ASK, SEEK OR
KNOCK*

Matthew 7:7-12, I John 5:13-26

AUGUST 26 *THE MEANING BEHIND
THE LOAVES AND FISH*

Mark 6:30-44, I Corinth, 12:1-13:13

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

Daniel Ripley, Associate Minister for Communication and Outreach

J. Warren Mitchell, Jr., Minister of Music

Amanda Owen, Director, Child Development Center

Stuart Joerg, Organist

Sharon McNanee, Financial Secretary

Carol McCann, Interim Church Office Ministry Coordinator

Kay Craig, Love & Fellowship Coordinator

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