

# *Hatcher Herald*

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## *Sharpe Insight.....*

Since March 8, 2020, Hatcher has not been allowed to have its regular Worship Services, Bible Study Classes, Fellowship Gatherings, Wednesday Evening Prayer/Bible Study/Family night Dinners, or other special fellowship times. Needless to say, this has caused a tremendous void in our church fellowship, friendships, and Christian Community. Without these times for fellowship and maintaining spiritual closeness most everyone is feeling a little “Adrift” and perhaps sensing “Aloneness” or “Disconnected”.

The Deacon Fellowship is praying specifically for a new ministry to help Hatcher stay closer than ever. In the last three months the special Sign Remembrance Ministry, reminding everyone they were loved by the Hatcher Church Family, touched over 165 of our senior members.

Now, after six months and with the Covid-19 Crisis not going away, we are facing new ideas for creating closeness in our membership and bringing a renewed sense of intimacy for our church family. It is being recommended for us to experiment with the Month of September that we create a “Worship and Information Guide” to be mailed to our sixty-five members who are not able to connect to the internet. This Worship and Information Guide would contain the order of service for the approaching Sunday and the most current information related to the current week’s activities. This mailing would be sent weekly and would be arriving in everyone’s mail boxes on the Friday prior to Sunday. This would only be at a cost of \$55.00 per mailing. Also, this would bring all the needs, prayer requests, those who have lost loved ones, those in the hospitals, birthdates, anniversaries, and all prayer requests into focus on a weekly basis. This is a first step to reclaiming our Hatcher closeness.

***Pastor Sharpe***

## 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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# NEWS FROM CDC



School resumes on September 8<sup>th</sup> and virtual learning classes for elementary students will begin on the third floor. Hatcher CDC will have 3, K/1 classes, a 2/3 class as well as a 4/5 class. Our K/1 classes are currently full at this time. However, there is still some room to move in the 2/3 grade classes as well as the 4/5 grade classes.

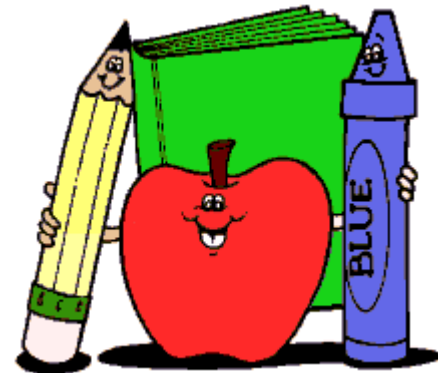
In each class, students are seated two at a table with their portable device. Each child who attends virtual learning will have to wear a mask and stay with their class for the day. There will be no combining of classes. The teachers who are assigned a class for virtual learning will also have to wear a mask.

The CDC is excited for this new transition and everyone is looking forward to starting the new school year. The parents are extremely grateful for the assistance whilst the county/city schools remain closed.

The CDC will continue to keep up to date with the county/city schools' schedules and will modify any changes to the virtual learning program accordingly.

Also, the CDC would like to say thank you to the church for offering to do a 'Back to School Shower'. We are excited for the help and feel blessed that we have so many people willing to donate and buy gifts for the classrooms. Colored posted notes are generally placed on the door of each class of the needs/wants of each room. However, as we only have the doors currently open to teachers and children at the center a back to school list of items will be generated for everyone to see.

Thank you,  
Amanda Owen  
Director



## 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*** and to reduce the amount of time we have to use our masks.

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# Music Ministry

## Hymn Notes

### *It Is Well with My Soul*

Out of pathos often comes creativity; out of depression, inspiration; out of chaos, beauty. Such was the case with one of our most favorite hymns, *It Is Well with My Soul* [*The Baptist Hymnal*, 1991, #410]

In 1873, Anna Spafford and her four daughters travelled on the *Ville de Havre*, a French steamship, from New York. Enroute to Europe, their ship collided with an English vessel, the *Loch Earn*. Upon reaching Wales nine days later, Mrs. Spafford cabled her husband, "Saved alone. What shall I do...." Their daughters and 222 others had drowned.

Horatio Spafford, a Chicago lawyer, concluded his business matters and sailed to meet his wife. It is reported that Spafford penned the words to this popular hymn as his ship neared the spot of the tragedy in the North Atlantic.

He later wrote to his sister, *On Thursday last we passed over the spot where she went down, in mid-ocean, the water three miles deep. But I do not think of our dear ones there. They are in safety, folded, the dear lambs, and there, before very long, shall we be too. In the meantime, thanks to God, we have an opportunity to serve and praise Him for His love and mercy to us and ours. "I will praise Him while I have my being." May each one arise, leave all, and follow Him.*



**Warren Mitchell**



## About the Church Family



### September Birthdays

September 6	Jean Johnson
September 12	Bob Carlton Eddie Harris
September 15	Ray Clary
September 16	Betty Zimmerman
September 25	Peggy Ingram Debbie Brinkley
September 28	Susan Haynes Tom Ingram
September 30	Sharon Newcomb

May the Lord continue to grant us safety and good health during this pandemic. May we be vigilant in wearing our masks and social distancing.

### September Anniversaries

September 15	Mitzi & David Gentry
September 19	Sandy & Phillip Taylor



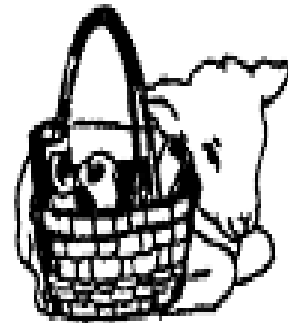
### Christian Sympathy to:

The family of **Linda Hall**  
(Cynthia May's mother)  
who passed away 8/23/2020.

The family of **Trudy Ripley**  
who passed away on 8/25/2020



# Mission Projects



**Notes from Lambs Basket:** As with all things during this pandemic schedules and procedures have changed. This is true for Lambs Basket as well.

The hours for pickup are Tuesdays and Thursday from 10:00 am till noon. Additionally service is provided for all residents of Henrico who are in need during this modified schedule. Proof of residency is required however ( drivers license ).

If you are interested in donating, the pantry always needs peanut butter and jelly for the kids as well as canned goods.

**Paul Vecchione**

## ***Hearts In Motion***

Donna Washington has been in touch with the personnel at Lakeside House. Normally, we would be going there in the fall but they are still not meeting. Pray for the people of Lakeside House. As with other groups, it is very difficult for them to be isolated and not able to meet in house.

For September our project will be a “shower” of school supplies, the CDC classes have needs for the new school year. A display in the sanctuary vestibule with a table decorated as for a baby shower during the month. The new CDC director (Amanda) is having a parent meeting and she will ask the parents what they can provide. Carol will then get a list of what is left and we will publicize that list; so stay tuned.

We so appreciate that even though we are living in difficult times, you still have a heart for missions where we can help those in need and we do so because that’s what Jesus would have us do, right? This might be a good time to remember our Mission Statement which is based on 1 John 3: 17-18:

**<sup>17</sup>If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? <sup>18</sup>Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.**

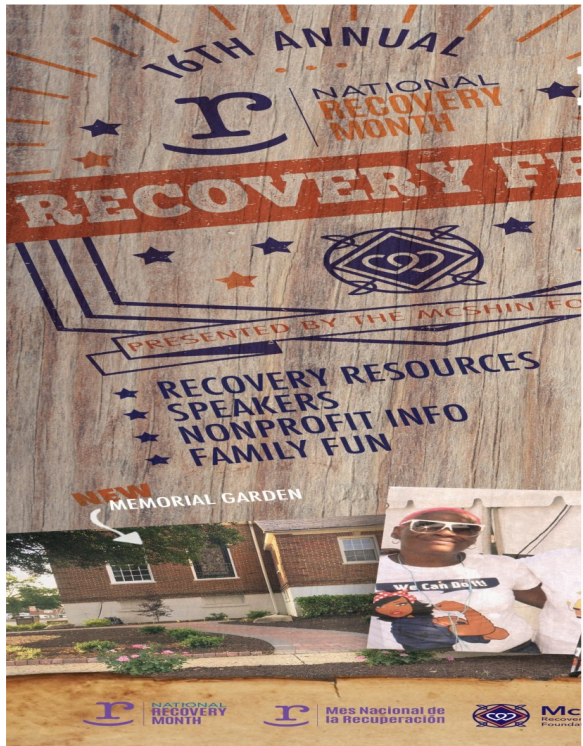
For those of you who are recent members, Cathy Carter started this group years ago and she picked this Bible verse for our Mission Statement. I believe Donna Myers came up with the name, “Hearts in Motion” for “HIM.”

Hope all are staying safe and healthy.

**Sue Mitchell**



# Happenings in the Church



**Recovery Fest** will be celebrated on September 12, 2020 out side in the parking lot. You can not miss the tent, tables, music, sell of hamburgers cooking and other great food. Working together the McShin Foundation and Hatcher will celebrate the sobriety of many in recovery. Regardless if recovery is new to the individual or had been a way of life for years we celebrate the hope and dedication many have made to restore a healthy life. Hatcher will have a table outside and giving away Recovery Bibles. Please keep this date open and join us if you can. Most of all keep this ministry as a part of your prayer life. We are the body of Christ, many members but one body.

## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP THEME

**September 6 — “A CELEBRATION OR AN IN-  
VENTORY?” I CORINTHIANS 11:23-29**

This service is a Communion service and will be dedicating and installing Amanda Owen as our New CDC Director, Tabatha O'Connor as our Assistant Director, and Sharon McNamee as our New Financial Secretary.

**September 13—“THE OPTIONS IN OUR LIVES”  
ACTS 15:26-41**

**September 20—“WHEN GOD CONFRONTS US”  
MARK 11:1-8**

**September 27—“WHEN WE NEED AN ATTITUDE  
EVALUATION” MATTHEW 5:3**  
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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

**Philippians (one chapter a week)**

Philippi was certainly one of Paul's favorite churches. There was such a warm feeling of mutual care and concern that Paul called the Philippians his “joy and crown” (4:1). This letter to the largely Gentile church was written around A.D. 63-64. Paul is in prison (probably in Rome) when Epaphroditus, an old friend from Philippi, arrives bearing yet another gift from the church. He falls gravely ill and the church hears of this and they are very concerned. In due course he recovers and Paul sees the opportunity to send a letter by him back to his dearest friends. This letter is the warmest and most touching of all his epistles. There are four chapters in the book of Philippians. We will use the first four Wednesdays in September to study the sequential four chapters and use the final and fifth Wednesday to finalize what we have learned and gleaned from this powerful study.