



January 17, 2021

Sharpe Insight...

Doris and I have had Covid...we have had to live through the uncertainty, the questioning of how did I get this virus, where did I become exposed, when did I become exposed, and from whom did I get this virus. But, one question we have not asked is, Why did I get this virus? (Living through life's circumstances beyond our control explains to me what God's Will may be. This happened, we live through it, we learn from it, we become stronger, we grow up, and we give the glory of the Lord for providing the endurance to move on in life.) Please excuse the use of the personal pronoun I in this article, but this is very personal. For it is we who experienced this and have to own it, live through it, and learn from it. In looking at my living patterns and experiences, please know I did not get Covid from church or any church related personnel or activities. In every aspect of my ministry the use of my mask and social distancing are things that are imperatives where ever I go. Unfortunately, I brought the virus home and "shared" it with my Bride, Doris.

We have been under a doctor's care and guidance and have gone through the necessary quarantining and safety guidelines, as well as having the support of the Health Department. We are both Negative and now have a natural immunity to the virus. Covid has not left any lasting effects on us physically but it has given your pastor some lasting resolve.

- To work with our Deacons to consider what may be done to keep us safer.
- To evaluate with our leaders to make even a healthier worship environment.
- To study and know health issues before they become concerns.
- To keep our church family better informed on Spiritual and Health concerns.
- To work more closely with our CDC and be a better resource for its leaders.
- To work with our staff for closer relationships, personally and in our ministry.
- To be a stronger pastor by taking a little bit better care of myself.

Also, our staff did such a beautiful job in preaching, teaching, and offering pastoral leadership skills, for the In Person Worship at 11 a.m. and our Internet services.

Doris and I are so thankful for your prayers, Chicken Noodle Soup, Potato Soup, baskets, cards, well wishes, thoughts, calls, and special remembrances during this time.

Terry M. Sharpe

January 17, 2021
11 a.m. Worship Service
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude

Ms. Stuart Joerg

"The Prelude is the thin veil of solitude dropped so softly by the Holy Spirit between last week's sorrows and today's moments of spiritual strength for God's presence."

Chiming of the Hour

Ms. Joerg

WE GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

Welcome and Sharing of God's Grace

Pastor Sharpe

Hymn

Ms. Joerg, Mr. Warren Mitchell

"Stand Up and Bless the Lord" (30)

Stand up, and bless the Lord,
All people of His choice;
stand up, and bless the Lord your God
with heart, and soul, and voice.

Tho' high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear His holy Name,
and laud and magnify?

God is our strength and song,
and His salvation ours;
then be His love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed pow'rs.

Stand up and bless the Lord,
the Lord your God adore;
stand up, and bless His glorious Name
henceforth for evermore.

Invocation

Dr. Carol McCann

Responsive Reading

Mr. Frank Joerg

Leader: Today, the God we come to worship is Jesus.

People: **We are taught to pray in Jesus Name.**

Leader: We are taught Jesus intercedes for us before the throne of Grace.

People: **God the Father does not hear our prayer, except through Jesus**

Leader: The only hope for us is found in Jesus' grace .

People: **We need to know that Jesus is real and as the Son of God is really with and for us.**

Everyone: **Then who is God the Father, our creator, who gave us "The secret things belong to the Lord our God but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law." Deuteronomy 29:29**

Hymn

"My God, How Wonderful You Are" (11)

Ms. Joerg, Mr. Warren Mitchell

My God, how wonderful You are,
Your majesty how bright!
How beautiful Your mercy seat,
in depths of burning light!

How wonderful, how beautiful,
the sight of Your must be,
Your endless wisdom, boundless pow'r,
and glorious purity!

O how I fear You, living God,
with deep and tender fear,
and worship You with trembling hope
and penitential tears!

Yet I may love You too, O Lord,
almighty as You are,
for You have stooped to ask of me
the love of my poor heart.

*Offertory Prayer

Ms. Virginia Garrett

*Doxology

WE SPEAK TO GOD AND HE SPEAKS TO US

Scripture

Exodus 20:2-17

Dr. McCann

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Sharpe

Hymn of Sending

Ms. Joerg, Mr. Mitchell

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (416)

My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be
A living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

Special Music

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"

Ladies Ensemble

Message

"The Mystery of God the Father?"

Pastor Sharpe

Hymn of Resolution

"His Name is Wonderful"(203) Ms. Joerg, Mr. Warren Mitchell

His name is wonderful
His name is wonderful
His name is wonderful
Jesus my Lord

Jesus my Lord
He's the Great Shepherd
The Rock of all ages
Almighty God is He
Bow down before Him
Love and adore Him
His name is wonderful
Jesus my Lord.

He is the mighty King
Master of everything
His name is wonderful
Jesus my Lord.

Jesus my Lord
He's the Great Shepherd
The Rock of all ages
Almighty God is He
Bow down before Him
Love and adore Him
His name is wonderful
Jesus my Lord.

Closing Words of Comfort and Assurance

Pastor Sharpe

Postlude

Ms. Joerg

Deacon's Offer Updated Suggestions for New Safety Procedures

Since August, 2020, our Deacon Fellowship has been providing excellent safety and health leadership necessary for our "In Person Worship Services". They have been so conscientious in leadership by reminding us to wear our masks and gently instructing the safety of six feet for healthy distancing as we enter and exit the sanctuary before and after worship. Periodically every process needs to be evaluated for corrections and make needed necessary improvements.

We are asking everyone participating in our "In Person Services" to follow the new changes and guidance by our Deacons, who are assisting our ushers in meeting, greeting and directing our worship services as we enter and exit the sanctuary. Sunday, January 17, 2021, our Deacons will be giving special instructions and making us aware we must be much more conscientious of the six foot social distancing mandate for our health. The Deacons will be giving new directions to us as we enter by recording our temperature, receiving the bulletin, as well as other material (communion cups on the first Sundays of the month). Without realizing it we often find ourselves gathering, clustering, and socializing much too closely with one another. Please help our Deacons as they care so deeply about the health of every Hatcher member.

Your safety is our
main concern!



Hatcher Church

Dominion Energy has a Debt Forgiveness Program

Rayhan Daudani, a spokesperson for Dominion, said the company plans to distribute \$125 million in debt relief. He said more than 254,000 of their 2.5 million customers in Virginia are eligible.

Past due payments accumulated before September 30th will be cancelled. Debt acquired after that will still need to be paid by customers. If interested in this program you need to contact Dominion Energy.



Under the recently passed budget, McClellan said utilities are also required to offer a payment plan of up to 24 months for customers facing mounting debt once the ban on disconnections expires.

Henrico County is Offering Public Utility Bills Relief

Henrico County is offering relief for citizens who have fallen behind on their public utility bills during the pandemic.

The county received \$1.8 million in funding from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development to assist residents who have past-due utility bills, from March 1 through Dec. 30. Officials plan to release details about the program and eligibility soon. In the meantime, citizens may call **501-4275** to learn more.



The Hatcher Herald Flash Needs YOU!



The Hatcher Herald and the Hatcher Herald Flash are published for you and with you in mind. We try to include everything that is happening in and around our church, but we may miss something that is important to you. If you would like to contribute to our newsletter, we would love to hear from you. If you are aware of any events or activities going on in church or in our community, that may be a good fit for our newsletter, please call Karen Cook at **266-9696** or email: office@hatcherchurch.org.

Church Happenings

Seniors Bible Study Group

Please join us at the new Seniors Bible Study on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. to study the book of Galatians. It will be held in the large SS room on the second floor (down the hall from the Church Office). This group will be small and will be following COVID guidelines. Call Phyllis Johnson or Janice Lynn if you have questions.



This week at Hatcher Church...



January 17 (Sun)

- 9:00 a.m. Zoom Bible Study with Betsy Ripley
- 11:00 a.m. In person Traditional Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Live Streaming Service / Internet Service on our Facebook pages and web page

January 18 (Mon)

- 10:30 a.m. Zoom Administrative Staff Mtg
- 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

January 19 (Tue)

- 10:30 a.m. Senior Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. CDC Committee Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Ladies Ensemble

January 20 (Wed)

- 6:00 p.m. (Cancelled) Prayer and Bible Study Mtg
- 6:00 p.m. Quarterly Business Meeting

Church Happenings

JANUARY 2021

Wednesday Evening Bible Study Topics

This Month will be “Understanding the importance and meaning of the different sacrifices in the old testament”

To Fully understand what Jesus did for us on the cross
we have to know this from the Old Testament



January 20

What is a Fellowship Offering?

Leviticus 3; 7:11-34

January 27

What Are Sin and Guilt Offerings?

Leviticus 4:1-5:13; 6:24-30 and Leviticus
5:14-6:7 and 7:1-6



**JANUARY 2021
WORSHIP THEME**

The Mystery of God

Deuteronomy 29:29

The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us
and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.

The Things We Do NOT Know About God

January 17

**The Mystery of God in Jesus the
Prophet (Moses)**

Deuteronomy 18:15-19 and John 9:15-17

January 24

**The Mystery of God in Jesus the Priest
(Aaron)**

Luke 4:16-20 and Matthew 21:9-13

January 31

**The Mystery of God in Jesus the King
(David)**

John 18:33-37 and John 19:19-22



Hatcher Church

Virginia Department of Health Releases Prioritization Order for Second Phase of Vaccinations:

This information is being shared with Hatcher's membership so we may be better informed and also serve as a reminder to those meeting the requirements for the early vaccinations.

Note: OUR CHILDCARE PROVIDERS OF THE CDC are included in this Phase 1B.

Those eligible in Phase 1B include frontline essential workers, anyone 75 or older and anyone who lives in correctional facilities, homeless shelters and migrant labor camps (places where the virus otherwise could spread quickly). Officials have not established an official timeline for the second phase but have indicated that it could start in February.

Gov. Ralph Northam Wednesday, January 6, indicated in a press conference that he considered Virginia's 285,000 educators to be its "largest group of essential workers," but they will be third in line among frontline workers for the next wave of vaccines, according to the new VDH guidelines.

The VDH guidance suggests that there will be some overlap among the groups included in the second phase, something Northam and other state officials also mentioned Wednesday. Localities will have some flexibility to vaccinate larger groups within each phase if it means getting more shots into arms quickly, he said.

The VDH has prioritized frontline workers in this order:

- Police, fire, and hazmat;
- corrections and homeless shelter workers;
- childcare/K-12 teachers/staff;
- food and agriculture (including veterinarians);
- manufacturing;
- grocery store workers;
- public transit workers;
- mail carriers (USPS and private);
- officials needed to maintain continuity of government.

Local health departments, pharmacies, healthcare systems, and employer-based occupational health units are working collaboratively to vaccinate frontline essential workers, according to the VDH.

Frontline essential workers in most cases are expected to receive the vaccine through employer-based vaccination clinics. Others will get it through their local health department or through arrangements with pharmacies and healthcare providers.

People 75 and older will be offered the vaccine through their healthcare providers (if applicable) or will be able to request vaccinations through their local health departments or through arrangements with healthcare systems and pharmacies.

Phase 1C order also set: The VDH also has established an order for the third phase of vaccinations. It prioritizes people 65 to 74 years old; people 16 to 64 with health conditions or disabilities that increase their risk of severe issues from COVID.

HATCHER CHURCH LEADERSHIP FOR 2020-2021

** indicates serving one additional year & rotates off in 2021*



Deacons

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2018-2021

Mary Dunston*
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Bill Mosely
Karen Stamey

2019-2022

Janice Conroy
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Stuart Matthews
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2020-2023

Susan Haynes
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Alice Phillips
Lena Taylor

Church Officers

Moderator: Rick Bancroft
Treasurer: Jackie Matthews
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Program Leaders

Outreach/ Mission Director: Sue Mitchell and
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Committee Chairpersons

CDC: Sharon Vecchione*
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Endowment: Bob Llewellyn
Finance: Belinda Blanchard
McShin: Phyllis Johnson
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Personnel: Wayne Duke

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Audio/Visual: Ray Clary
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Hostess: Kay Craig
Kitchen: June Banes
Transportation: Ray Clary
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Building Use Coordinator : William Moseley
Wedding Coordinator: Margie Pugh
McShin Board Representative: Phyllis Johnson

Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church

Rev. Terry M. 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

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