

## Sharpe Insight...

Advent is a Spiritual Season observed by the Christian Church as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ at His Second Coming. Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year in Western Christianity, and is part of the wider Christmas and holiday season.

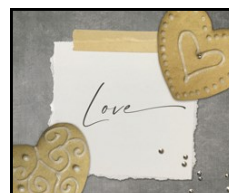
Scholars believe that during the 4th and 5th centuries in Spain and France, Advent was a **season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany**, the celebration of God's incarnation represented by the visit of the Magi (The Wisemen) to the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:1), his baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist (John 1:29), and his first miracle at Cana (John 2:1).

The four Sundays leading to Christmas Day have a sequence of development and purpose: The First Sunday is the Sunday of **Hope**, The Second Sunday is the Sunday of **Preparation**, The Third Sunday is the Sunday of **Joy**, The Fourth Sunday is the Sunday of **Love**, The Center Candle, The Christ Candle, is lit on Christmas Eve.

Advent reminds Christians to remember and prepare for the birth of Jesus. Hatcher has a rich history for celebrating and experiencing the Advent Season. May we make this the grandest Advent ever as we fall in love with our wonderful savior all over again.

Christmas Blessing to everyone,

Terry M. Sharpe



# Church Happenings

## *Looking ahead at Hatcher Church...*

### **December 1**

5:15 p.m. Wednesday Dinner  
6:00 p.m. Special Called Business Mtg to approve the 2022 Budget

### **December 5**

11:00 a.m. Second Sunday of Advent

### **December 8 & 15**

5:15 p.m. Wednesday Dinner  
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **December 12**

11:00 a.m. Third Sunday of Advent  
Chancel Choir Presentation

### **December 19**

11:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent

### **December 22**

*There will be no Wednesday Dinner , Prayer Meeting or Choir Rehearsal.*

### **December 24**

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

### **December 26**

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

### **December 29**

*There will be no Wednesday Dinner , Prayer Meeting or Choir Rehearsal*

### **Holiday Office Schedule**

*The church office will be closed :*

December 23 and 24 for the Christmas Holiday  
and  
December 31 for the New Year Holiday



## **Wednesday Night**

**Dinners are back!**

### **Wednesday Dinner December 1**

*Baked Spaghetti*

*Garlic Breadsticks*

*Tossed Salad*

*Brownies*

*Tea and Lemonade*

### **Wednesday Dinner December 8**

*Baked Quarter Chicken Legs*

*Seasoned Green Beans*

*Mashed Potatoes with Gravy*

*Assorted Cookies for Dessert*

*Tea and Lemonade*

### **Wednesday Dinner December 15**

*To Be Determined*

*Pease make your dinner reservation by filling out the form in the foyer or call the church office before Tuesday at noon.*

**If you'd like to volunteer to serve or clean up,  
please email**

**[office@hatcherchurch.org](mailto:office@hatcherchurch.org)**



# Poinsettia Order Form

## 2021 Poinsettia Order Form

Poinsettias will adorn the Sanctuary on December 24th and 26th

To purchase a poinsettia, given in honor or in memory of a loved one,  
please fill out the form below and return it to the church office.

Please include a check made payable to Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church  
with a notation of Poinsettia in the memo section.

**Poinsettias cost \$13 each**

***Orders must be received in the office by***

***Wednesday, December 15th.***

Please print clearly the names as you want them to appear in the bulletin.

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Poinsettias Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Check: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with payment to the

Hatcher Church Office at 2300 Dumbarton Road Henrico, VA



# Church Happenings



## Place for Families to Gather for Christmas

### *Christmas Gatherings You Don't Want to Miss*

It is often said too much is made of the holidays. **NOT SO!**

Christmas is a **BIG** deal and deserves a **BIG** celebration. It is not an everyday event when God reminds mankind how he came to earth. **Everyone is invited** to relearn and retell this wonderful story, so that we will know the most precious gift ever given,

**Jesus the Christ!** Allow these Christmas gatherings to help our hearts prepare for the biggest day of the year.

**November 28**    **“God’s Love Overcomes the Power of Guilt”**

The First Advent Service of **HOPE**

**December 5**    **“God’s Love Overcomes the Power of Discouragement”**

The Second Advent Service of **PREPARATION**

**December 12**    **“God’s Love Overcomes the Power of Anger”**

The Third Advent Service of **JOY**

**December 19**    **“God’s Love Overcomes the Power of Anxiety”**

The Fourth Advent Service of **LOVE**

**December 24**    **“Jesus Gives Light in the Darkness”**

(God’s Love Overcomes the Power of Doubt)

**Candlelight Communion Service at 5:00 PM**

**December 26**    **“God’s Future is Now”**

**20/20 Vision is necessary for our Future**



# Celebrating Advent

## Advent Devotionals

December	1	Matthew 24:36-44	Are You Ready?
December	2	Matthew 25: 14-30	Using Your Talents
December	3	Matthew 5:13-16	How Bright is Your Light?
December	4	Matthew 5:3-12	How Happy Are You?
December	5	Mark 4:35-41	Jesus Will Calm Your Storms
December	6	Luke 13:1-8	Producing Fruit
December	7	Luke 21:1-4	How's Your Offering?
December	8	Galatians 5:13-16	Living By The Spirit
December	9	Luke 9:23-27	Following Him
December	10	Romans 5:1-11	He Died For Us
December	11	John 14:1-6	The Way To God
December	12	John 3: 16-21	Expression Of God's Love
December	13	John 5:31-47	Jesus Comes as God's Son
December	14	John 5:1-17	Abiding In Christ
December	15	Hebrews 12:1-3	Running The Race
December	16	John 20:24-31	That We May Believe
December	17	Romans 12: 1-21	Living Sacrifices
December	18	James 1:22-27	Doing The Word
December	19	Hebrews 11:1-6	How's Your Faith?
December	20	Luke 1:5-25	John The Baptist
December	21	Luke 1:26-38	Announcing Jesus' Arrival
December	22	Luke 1:39-56	Chosen By God
December	23	Luke 1:57-66	John Is Born
December	24	Luke 1:66-80	Zechariah's Prophecy
December	25	Luke 2:1-20	God's Gift...His Son

**The Hatcher Chancel Choir  
Presents**

*Hope*

**December 12, 2021  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.**



An invitation to  
**Candlelight & Communion**  
Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2021  
5:00 p.m.  
*Dress is Casual*





# Among our Members



December 2	Cynthia May
December 11	Margie Pugh
	Betsy Ripley
	Stacey Russell Austin
December 12	Vivian Farrish
December 18	Elsie Britton
	Ann Lee
	Cathy Buchanan
December 19	Thelma Greenwood
December 22	Sharon Gayness
December 30	Sandy Biggs Lee

## ONGOING CANCER TREATMENT

Scott Benton (Son of Shirley Tuck)  
Maye Higgs (doing really well)  
Debra Truslow (daughter of Lena Taylor)  
Sheila Willoughby (daughter of Jean Johnston)  
TairaBob Spencer (Mary Dunston's brother-in-law)  
Baudoin (girlfriend of Jerry Phaup)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

TWes Moore's father in hospice  
Teena Mays (Jeanette's cousin)  
Teddy Martin  
June Banes  
David Jordan and Barbara and Frank Walker  
(friends of Sharon Newcomb)  
Mary and Pete Delano  
Betty Spencer  
John Hagermyer  
Barbara Trimmer  
Cindy McNew (Home from rehab)  
Wanda Ogle and Family of J. R. Cox  
Jeff & Sandra Taylor (son of Evelyn Konwerski)  
Jean Johnston & Family  
Stuart Matthews  
Marie Stewart (Peggy Ingrams mom)  
Lois Albritton Pace  
Kim Hyatt (Joyce Tignor's daughter)  
Pearl and David (Lena's Sister and Brother)  
Louise Crigger (Mary Dunston's Aunt)  
Julie Atkinson  
Jesse Minor

## MEMBERS IN THE HOSPITAL

Bob Carlton  
Diane George (St. Mary's Hospital)  
Janice Carlton (Westport Rehab Center)

## RECENT & UPCOMING SURGERIES

Judy Moore home following heart cath procedure  
Mary Dunston Mohs/Oculofacial surgery 11/15 & 18  
Ray Clary knee replacement 12/8

## LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY

Spencer Sharpe nephew of Doris & Terry Sharpe  
Brian Fleet son of Cecilia & Charlie Fleet  
Chris Haynes son of Susan Haynes  
Victor (Rip) Ripley III son of Vic & Betsy Ripley

## *Deepest Sympathy to:*

The family of **Otis Fugate** who passed away October 21, 2021

The family of **Joe Martin** who passed away November 20, 2021

The family of **Betty Blanchard** who passed away on November 24, 2021



*With Sympathy*



# Food, Fun and Fellowship

## Deacon Christmas Food Baskets Drive

The Deacons are sponsoring the Christmas Food Baskets to benefit individuals and families in the 23228 area code. Just like the Thanksgiving baskets, our Deacon Fellowship provides Christmas Baskets so everyone may experience God's blessing at this special time of year. The Deacons are asking those desiring to assist in this wonderful ministry to our community to please bring your donations of non-perishable items and place them in the box in the foyer. Gift Cards are also welcome and can be given to Karen Stamey, our Deacon Chair. The deacons will be packing the baskets on Sunday, December 19th following worship. Thank you for your generosity!



## Love & Fellowship Christmas Luncheon

*Join us for some fun and fellowship at our Love & Fellowship Christmas luncheon!!*

Thursday, December 16th at 10 a.m.

***Please bring a dish to share—salad, vegetable or dessert!***

If you have any questions, please contact Kay Craig at 804-221-3910.



## HATCHER CHURCH LEADERSHIP FOR 2021-2022

*\* indicates serving one additional year & rotates off in 2022*

### Deacons

Chair — Karen Stamey  
Vice Chair — Lena Taylor

Secretary—Alice Phillips  
Treasurer—Janice Conroy

#### 2019-2022

Janice Conroy      Bill Mosely \*  
Virginia Garrett\*      Jerry Myers  
Jackie Matthews      Karen Stamey \*  
Donna Myers

#### 2020-2023

Susan Haynes  
Terry Hoover  
Alice Phillips  
Lena Taylor

#### 2021-2024

Carol McCann  
Frank Martin

### Church Officers

Moderator:      Rick Bancroft  
Treasurer:      Jackie Matthews  
Clerk:      Debbie Welch  
Asst. Clerk:      Sharon Vecchione

### Committee Chairpersons

CDC:      Sharon Vecchione\*  
Counting:      Mary Atwell  
Endowment:      Bob Llewellyn  
Finance:      Belinda Blanchard  
McShin:      Phyllis Johnson  
Nominating:      Alice Phillips  
Personnel:      Rick Bancroft

### Program Leaders

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

### Team Leaders

Audio/Visual:      Ray Clary  
Building & Grounds:      David Dunston  
Flower & Decorating:      Betty Bancroft  
Hostess:      Kay Craig  
Kitchen:      June Banes  
Transportation:      Ray Clary  
Ushers:      Eddie Harris

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100th Anniversary Chairwoman:      Terry Hoover  
Building Use Coordinator :      William Moseley  
McShin Board Representative:      Phyllis Johnson  
Wedding Coordinator:      LaVerne Taylor  
LAMB'S Basket Representatives:      Susan Haynes, Paul & Sharon Vecchione

## Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church

*Rev. Terry M. Sharpe, Pastor*  
*J. Warren Mitchell, Jr., Minister of Music*  
*Amanda Owen, Director, Child Development Center*  
*Stuart Joerg, Organist*  
*Joyce Salmon, Financial Secretary*  
*Kay Craig, Love & Fellowship Coordinator*  
*Jerry Myers, Webmaster*

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