

The Hatcher Herald

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Memorial Baptist Church

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Sharpe Insight...



The Month of February is considered the time of remembering the special ones in our lives with whom we share a very special love. Gifts of flowers, jewelry, chocolate, clothing, to name just a few, are usually given as reminders of our feelings of devotion to demonstrate our commitment to this relationship. St. Valentines Day, Abraham Lincoln, Rosa Parks, George Washington, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Martin Luther King, jr. all have great significance in being identified with the month of February or were born in February.

As followers of Jesus, we too, can use this month to renew and identify our love relationship with him. May this month be a time for us to become challenged and recommitted to our love for our Lord. Inside the February Hatcher Herald we will find four opportunities to become engaged through our Sunday morning worship services. These special services will be addressing the frailty and how tentative life in our humanity really is.

These services will be addressing the human issues of "Disappointment Leads to a Happier Life", "The Loss of My Loved Ones Brings Me Comfort", "My Past is Depressing, I Want to Stay There, Because My Future Scars the Heaven Out Of Me", "My life is Gone Because I've Given It Away".

Jesus speaks to all of these issues. This is our Invitation to learn.

Terry M. Sharpe





Hatcher Happenings



The Lamb's Basket Updates

At the close of business on December 31, 2021, LAMB's Basket completed nearly 10 years at its current location. 2021 was a difficult year for everyone due to COVID and all its variants. All of us have had to deal with the COVID pandemic in one way or the other. LB is no exception.

During 2020 the pantry was closed few months as a safeguard for our volunteers as well as our clients which continue to impact our operating procedures during 2021. When we finally opened, operations were drastically different. Clients are currently not allowed inside the Pantry. Even while waiting outside, they continue to smile and are grateful for our being here for them. LB is now only open on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 10:00 a.m. to noon for clients as well as deliveries. We also lost most of our retail partners. Trader Joe's, by far our largest and most generous donor for many years, was given to other pantries while we were closed and we will not be getting them back. Thankfully, we continue to receive donations from our community donors: our church sponsors, corporate partners, Cross Ridge, and many other private donations and food drives. We are most grateful for our supporters. Without them LAMB's Basket would not be in a position to continue to operate. Since reopening, we have been assigned Aldi's, Costco, Lidl, the Fresh Market, and Dollar General (which is scheduled to begin within the next few months). James Fussell schedules drivers for retail pickups. If you would like to help out contact the pantry.

At this time we are not allowing any outside groups to volunteer at the pantry due to COVID. When things calm down we will once again allow groups and our youth volunteers to return.

Clients have not returned to the Pantry as quickly as we expected. Where it was not unusual to have over 50 clients on any given distribution day, we now only see close to 30 and most days many fewer. We are accepting new clients but not performing the face-to-face interviews at this time. Clients are now allowed three visits per month.

The Pantry suffered a great loss this past year with the passing of Nancy Yearly. Nancy was a volunteer and board member for many years and a mainstay of our warehousing and distribution operations. Everyone remembers the Tomato Sandwich Fundraisers! We are considering doing one in 2022 in memory and in honor of her service. Judy Pierce and Ruby Foster along with all of their helpers are holding down the warehouse well. While no one can replace Nancy, these two volunteers are doing a fabulous job attending to stocking, product rotation, and distribution. We are grateful for the job they are doing.

Ann Decker continues to keep track of the number of clients served even if she is not at the Pantry. She is working from home and keeping us well informed of our statistics as well as handling the monthly reporting with Feed More. Thanks, Ann, for continuing with this phase of the operations.

Our newsletter, *The Woolly News*, continues to be distributed due to the creative efforts of Brenda Martin who also maintains the church volunteer schedule. We continue to distribute the newsletter electronically to reach the maximum number of readers.

During the year I had major surgery. Thanks to Tom Morris for handling the weekly reporting to Feed More. Everything continued to run smoothly.

Intake computer operators primarily, Tom Morris, Bev Fletcher, Linda Patterson, and Tom Bosserman, have continued to keep the front office working well. We would not be able to handle the clients if it weren't for these dedicated volunteers.

The Board of Directors continues to meet monthly at the Pantry providing general oversight and direction to operations. We've lost a few members this year, so if anyone is interested in joining our board, please contact me at the pantry. Our financial position is good. Record keeping is a vital function in an organization as large as LB. Thanks to Beverley Fletcher and her financial expertise, our financial resources are tracked and safeguarded with care. Audits are conducted yearly by an outside accountant.

Working with LAMB's Basket has given each of us a more in-depth view of poverty in our community. I seldom hear a volunteer say that he or she does not enjoy working at the pantry, even if it includes carrying bags of food to cars in hot, cold or rainy weather or greeting a client at the door to bring them their food. Each of us has a job to do and few days go by without seeing smiles and a sense of accomplishment on the faces of those who serve and are being served.

May we be blessed with the ability to continue as stewards of these gifts as we serve our community.

Respectfully submitted.

Teddy Martin—Pantry President, 2021



Hatcher Happenings



Looking ahead at February...

February 2

5:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

February 6

9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. 100th Anniversary Committee Zoom Meeting

February 9

5:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

February 13

9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

February 14 *Happy Valentine's Day!*

February 15

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

February 16

5:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

February 20

9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
12:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting

February 21

7:00 p.m. Financial Committee Meeting

February 23

5:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

February 27

9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

NEW COVID GUIDELINES

In 2021, we as a church family have weathered the Covid issues so well because we made all decisions with prayer, discussions, evaluations, and mutual respect for everyone's health needs and concerns. Presently, our Commonwealth is facing a renewed Covid wave of health issues causing much concern in our communities and our churches. Several churches in our community have made a temporary decision to curtail "in person worship", Bible Studies, fellowships, and general meetings. As your pastor, I am asking you and our leadership to once again consider with me the best and immediate safety options for Hatcher's Church Family. Since our worship sanctuary is so large and we are already familiar with the safety protocols in place, **please consider these options for the immediate future until March 1, 2022:**

- Postponing "in person" Wednesday Evening Meals/ Bible Study until March 2.
- Please be sensitive to again wearing our Masks
- Please be sensitive to safe distancing once again
- We are not roping every other pew at this time, but asking sensitivity to spacing
- Use of the hand sanitizer Hatcher provides
- We are once again asking our Deacons to monitor the ingress and egress.

Please note this is also causing our Ministry Partners to address these same concerns as some of our teachers in the CDC and students have tested positive and McShin is having to develop some protocols for some of their homes. We are asking everyone to be supportive of this new process as these new considerations will need to be evaluated by our Sunday School Leadership, Alice Phillips, and our Music Leadership, Warren Mitchell. Our Deacons and Church Council will be asked to offer leadership and evaluations. Please remember our church leaders in your prayers as Hatcher is considering how it can make the most positive and healthy decisions for the Church Family. -*Pastor Sharpe*



Worship & Discipleship



February Worship Themes 2022

“Seeking Inner Peace But Living In An External World”

Presently we are living in a world of external stress and tension. Without the power of the Holy Spirit's guidance and presence we will be facing a life of uncertainty and confusion. The Month of February is the month of love. This month's worship events will be opening a fresh look into the heart of Jesus and allow us to learn from Him how He had such an inner peace with the Father.



February 6

**“Jesus’ promise of Inner Peace”
(My peace I leave with you.....)
John 14:23-27**

February 13

**“Emotion: Is it Healthy?, Is it Destructive?”
(Lean not unto your own Understanding)
Exodus 32:19-22**

February 20

**“When to hold on, when to let go?
(The Pain of Losing in Life)
II Samuel 12:16-25**

February 27

**“How to Develop and Keep Inner Strength”
(Why Christians need a Meditative Life)
Mark 1:9-13, 35-40**

Hatcher Endowment Fund News

The Baptist Association of Virginia Disaster Response provides equipment, materials, and support for volunteers. The Hatcher Endowment Fund recently sent \$5,000 designated for disaster response for tornado disaster relief in Kentucky.

Hearts in Motion Mission for February

Hearts in Motion will be collecting lots of candy to make Valentine baskets for the 13 McShin houses.

Collection box will be located in the 2nd floor elevator lobby. Deadline for the collection will be Sunday, February 13, 2022.





Worship & Discipleship



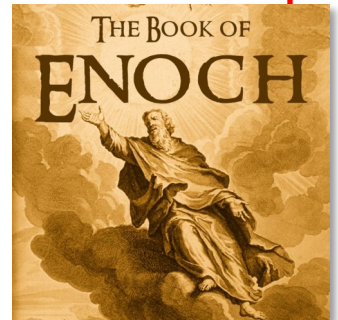
Wednesday Evening Studies

February 2 Understanding the Book of Enoch (Pages 1-54)

February 9 Enoch's Book of Parables (Pages 55-86)

February 16 Our Bible in the Old Testament and the Book of Enoch (Pages 87-113)

February 23 Insight of Enoch's Visions for our Contemporary World (Pages 114-158)



Dear Hatcher Family,

Thank you for the comforting and caring cards I received at Jewell's passing. She was not a Hatcher member but she faithfully attended as long as she was able. She enjoyed being active in the Mary Martha Bible study class, and Wednesday night dinners were a real treat for her.

Thank you also for the beautiful Christmas cards, and a special thanks to our Deacons who have brought me gifts throughout the year, and especially for the Christmas stocking filled with goodies and useful personal items.

I hope I will be able to participate in some activities being planned for our church's 100th anniversary. Meanwhile, remember me in your prayers--you are always in mine.

Lovingly,

Dottie Whitlock



Winter is here!!

As the season of unpredictable weather approaches, we want to remind you our inclement weather policy. If bad weather puts you at risk for injury and/or the parking lot cannot be cleared in sufficient time for Wednesday or Sunday activities, a decision will be made to cancel or close early. You will be notified through the Hatcher Facebook page, Hatcher website and channels 6, 8, 12, & 35!





Among our Fellowship



FEBRUARY Birthdays & Anniversaries

2/3	Trevor Thornton
2/5	Ken Strickler
2/6	Brianna Meador
2/7	John Tadlock
2/13	Peggy Elder
2/14	Brenda Mills
2/16	Mary Delano
	Jacqueline Matthews
2/17	Charles Bowles
	Amanda Helmlinger
	Julie Snyder
2/20	Jennifer HuYoung
	David & Mary Dunston*
2/22	Tina Shook
2/23	Ray DeStephens
2/25	Nicholas May
2/26	Blair Harris
2/27	Preston & Marjorie Pugh*
2/28	Virginia Haden

* indicates Wedding Anniversary



Personnel Updates

The Personnel Committee is pleased to announce that Heather Stamey- Meador will serve as our new Office Admin!

The Personnel Committee continues to seek a new Financial Administrator as well as an Organist. We wish both Joyce Salmon and Stuart Joerg all the best luck in their future endeavors. We would also like to thank them both for their loving and faithful service to our church in the time they both served here at Hatcher.

Love & Fellowship

February 17, 2022
10:00 a.m.

Please join us for fun and fellowship! Bring your sandwich as we fellowship around the table following the program!

100th Anniversary Updates

The Anniversary Committee is seeking pictures of Hatcher people and events through the decades. If you have any you would like to share, please contact Sharon Vecchione or Lena Taylor.

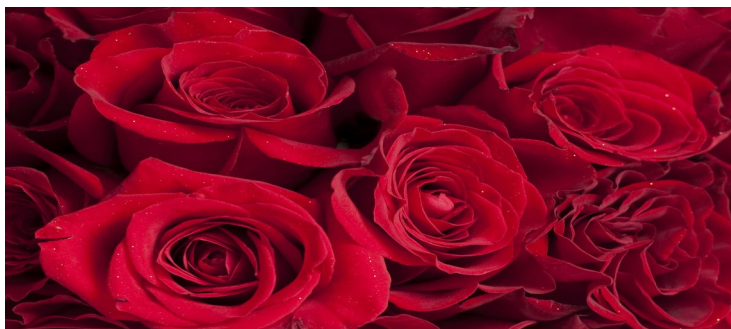
SAVE THE DATE

September 18, 2022

Hatcher's 100th Anniversary Celebration

100th Anniversary Flower Arrangements

In keeping with Hatcher's 100th Anniversary celebration. We invite you to please honor or commemorate someone you love with a flower arrangement on the 3rd Sunday of each month. For more information please contact Betty Bancroft at (804)334-9375.





Prayer & Ministry



Benevolence Updates

Since 2015 we have partnered with Henrico Social Services HEARTH program (Henrico Emergency Assistance) to provide financial assistance to Henrico residents. When benevolence requests were received, many times a referral was made to them for assistance instead if we felt they could be of more assistance.

As of December 31, 2021, then HEARTH program is no longer in service due to lack of funding. Therefore, all benevolence requests are processed in house.

For the year 2021, we received over a hundred requests, many of them due to the impacts of Covid-19. Because of that, we extended our service area beyond Henrico County and also made some exceptions as to the type of assistance provided if vetting proved authentic and was approved by the Deacon Board,

Going forward we plan to revise our process of vetting (verifying) information by meeting with an area church with whom we have established a relationship via the vetting process. Hopefully, we can use their process as a model for revamping ours, which will include having additional members on the benevolence committee, which in turn would allow us to process many more requests.

Hatcher Church is a very giving and supportive church; and my hope is that this message will reinforce your confidence in us as good stewards of your monies and also to allow you to experience the great spiritual reward of being the hands and feet of Jesus. If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact me via phone or email.—Alice Phillips



With Deepest Sympathy

CDC Updates

Our CDC is working hard to stay open and provide safe childcare while many centers have closed due to Covid. Hatcher members have recently purchased Kn95 masks for the staff.

The CDC Committee hopes to provide Valentine treats for the staff. If you would like to drop off a bag or box of prepackaged treats, you can leave them in the church office or contact Sharon Vecchione.

We are hiring! If you or someone you know is interested in a part-time job with no weekends, call Amanda or Tabatha at (804)262-6002.

The family of **Johnnie Pedigo**, who passed away on January 29, 2022.

The family of **Susie Pittard**, who passed away on January 20, 2022.

There will be a celebration of life held in May.
Updates to come.

J.R. Cox and the family of **Wanda Ogle**, who passed away on January 12, 2022.

The family of **Irma Jane Wren**, who passed away on January 11, 2022.

Lena Taylor and family on the death of her sister, **Pearl Via Johnson**, on January 6th, 2022.

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: Currently Open
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: Susan Haynes

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
Communications: Jerry Myers

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
Benevolence Coordinator: Alice Phillips

Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church



Rev. Terry M. Sharpe
J. Warren Mitchell, Jr., Minister of Music
Amanda Owen, Director, Child Development Center
Heather Stamey-Meador, Office Administrator
Kay Craig, Love & Fellowship Coordinator
Jerry Myers, Webmaster

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