



Hatcher Church Family,

Hatcher Church is looking forward with great expectation to this coming **Palm Sunday Service** which marks the **Beginning of Holy Week**. It is during this holy time the entire Christian Church recognizes how God the Father fulfilled his eternal Covenant with Abraham, the Hebrew People, and opened the Covenant Invitation to salvation's door for the entire world and the Gentile Church.

Resurrection "Easter" Sunday reveals the love of Jesus and his sacrifice at the cross. The story of Holy Week offers to all humanity believing in and on Jesus as Lord, the eternal gifts of forgiveness and redemption. **This year's theme is...**

"The Journey to the Resurrection"

Please carefully read this issue of the Herald as it contains all the information for preparation and the study through Holy week. Everyone is encouraged to bring their Bibles as additional materials will also be given to supplement this study.

Hatcher's Haggadah or Seder Meal (Maundy Thursday Service) will be observed in the Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 6, 2023. This is the meal Jesus shared with his disciples in the Upper Room. Immediately following this meal, it is then Jesus gave the New Covenant of the Lord's Supper. After this sacred time together, it is then Jesus retreated for prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, where he was later arrested by the Palace Guards.



The Tenebrae (Good Friday) Service or the Service of Darkness will be observed in the Sanctuary on Friday, April 7, 2023, at 7 p.m. This service is one of observance and deep personal introspection. The Tenebrae service examines and reflects upon the Seven last Words Jesus Spoke from the cross and why they are so important...These steps from **Palm Sunday**, to **Maundy Thursday**, and then to **Tenebrae** lead us to The Joyful Fulfillment of **Resurrection Sunday**.

Pastor Sharpe

Deacon News

Just to keep everyone up to date the deacon of the week ministry is going great. The deacons are spending time with the pastor making visits, learning more about shut-in ministry, seeing more into the work of pastor and becoming better servant leaders for God and Hatcher.

The deacons are embracing the role of servant leader with a great deal of prayer and care. Embracing the role of deacon as co-minister with the pastor to be the deacon the scriptures portray. Spiritual leaders of the congregation who lead by example, bathing all decisions in prayer, having a servant's heart and measuring everything from the biblical aspect. Being a deacon involves more than just serving communion monthly.

Nominating Committee

GOD'S CLASSIFIED ADS—NEW EDITION TO COME

It's that time of year again when you can learn about exciting opportunities to be of service to our Lord and His church. Be on the lookout for a display in the Sanctuary foyer of leadership and committee vacancies for the service years of 2023-2024. In the meantime, be in prayer asking God to lead you in how you can best use the gifts He has given you to serve His church.

Alice Phillips, Nominating Committee Chair

Budget Update

In February, the Church received \$60,309 for general funds offerings.

The February budget was \$62,026.

Henrico Citizen CDC Article

"A popular child development center in Lakeside is closing permanently next month after nearly half a century serving local families. The Hatcher Child Development Center at Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church on Dumbarton Road, which opened in 1976, will close by March 28, CDC Committee Chair Sharon Vecchione wrote in a Feb. 17 letter to parents. The center has struggled with a variety of issues recently, she wrote, including a difficulty attracting qualified employees and the financial challenges of rising fuel, food and wage costs. On top of those difficulties, the CDC still was attempting to recoup "significant amounts" of revenue it missed because of COVID-19 closures, while also dealing with some delinquent accounts from families. "Hatcher Church has decided that, if we cannot provide safe, high quality reasonably priced childcare as is our tradition, then it is best not to continue to operate at this time," Vecchione wrote, adding that she was delivering the news "with a heavy heart." In an interview with the Citizen Monday, Vecchione lamented the center's demise as being reflective of the type of financial and staffing challenges being felt throughout the child care industry. "I've read a lot about the child care industry, and I do feel like we are not alone in the problems that we've had," she told the Citizen. "Frankly, I wish more people knew that." The pandemic created financial issues for the center, which received Paycheck Protection Program grants to ensure it could keep paying the employees it could retain, Vecchione said. "But when you close a daycare center and you're still paying the staff, that's a pretty serious money loss." Church and center officials have wrestled a bit with whether to be more strict in collecting delinquent payments from families, Vecchione said. "We've not maybe been as tough about that as we've should have been," she said. "We've gone back and forth about 'Is the daycare a business, or is it a ministry? Our committee, we strongly feel that it's a ministry.'" As a result, officials have worked with families who are delinquent to collect at least a portion of the past-due amount on a regular basis, she said, while allowing their children to continue to attend. Just before the onset of the pandemic, the CDC cared for 178 children on a daily basis, Vecchione said. Now, that number is in the 70s. She attributed the steep decline in part to the fact that more working families with parents who are now working at least part-time from home have opted to provide in-home child care themselves or through a nanny or other caregiver. The center has about 22 current paid employees and has asked them to stay through March 28, offering a stipend for those who do, Vecchione said. If some leave before that date, the center may have to end certain classes early, too, she said. Concerns about what current CDC families will do for child care have been on the minds of center officials, Vecchione said. "We are very very very concerned about that. We felt like the best thing we could do first of all was give them as much notice as possible." Parents so far have responded to the news with disappointment but understanding, she said. "I think the parents have seen how hard it is, and I think they get it. They're disappointed, but I think they get it." Center officials have sought additional grant funding since the onset of COVID that would have allowed its operations to continue, Vecchione said, but those processes proved to be too lengthy when they needed help immediately. She offered praise to current CDC director Amanda Owen, who took over at the onset of the pandemic and has had to navigate a variety of challenges since. "She has been a tireless worker," Vecchione said. "I do not lay any of this at her feet." There are no immediate plans for the space that has housed the CDC, Vecchione said. There are 11 other licensed child care providers offering full-day care in the Lakeside 23228 ZIP Code, including four individual in-home providers, according to the Virginia Department of Social Services. One of the other seven is the Lakeside Baptist Day Center at Lakeside Baptist Church, which last year announced that it was selling its property to Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in a deal that will officially close in July 2025. That facility had 30 children on site during a DSS inspection Feb. 15, 2022. There also are three other non-licensed child care programs in the ZIP Code, all through local religious organizations, which are not required to seek licensure but may do so if they choose. A report earlier this year from the nonprofit ChildCare Aware of Virginia concluded that there are nearly 17,000 children 6 years old or younger in Henrico County with working parents and that existing child care centers, preschools and family child care programs in the county could accommodate nearly 12,200 of them. Hatcher CDC has been a staple of the Lakeside community since its opening, serving thousands of children and families in the years since. The center currently serves children from infants to 12 years old through three programs: a full-time program, an afterschool program and a summer program. Vecchione, a former elementary school principal who has been associated with the Hatcher CDC for 15 years, hopes that the center's legacy will be the difference that it has made for the children in its care. "We have provided high quality care for 47 years," she said. "I think we've made a good place that parents who work know they can bring a child, and they know they're going to be well cared for, safe, well-fed, happy and loved."

- By Tom Lappas on February 20th, 2023



Hatcher Happenings

April 1 *April Fool's Day*

April 2 *Palm Sunday*

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

12:00pm Deacon's Meeting

April 3

11:00am Staff Meeting

April 4

10:30am Adult Bible Study Room 270

April 5

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

April 6

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

April 7 *Good Friday*

7:00pm Tenebrae Service

April 8

10:00am Easter Egg Hunt 4 Years Old & Under

10:30am Easter Egg Hunt 5-11 Years Old

11:00am Easter Egg Hunt for Adults

April 9 *Easter Sunday*

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

April 11

10:30am Adult Bible Study Room 270

April 12

5:00pm McShin Dinner

6:00pm Church Family Dinner
& Bible Study

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

April 16

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

April 17

7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting

April 18

10:30am Adult Bible Study Room 270

7:00pm Church Council Meeting

April 19

5:00pm McShin Dinner

6:00pm Church Family Dinner
& Bible Study

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

April 20

11:00am Love & Fellowship Meeting

April 23

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

April 25

10:30am Adult Bible Study Room 270

April 26

5:00pm McShin Dinner

6:00pm Church Family Dinner
& Bible Study

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

April 29

5:00pm McShin Alumni Spaghetti Dinner

April 30

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service



Hatcher Happenings

Love & Fellowship

Artist, Richelle Kaufman-Anderson will be our guest on April 20th at 11am.

Richelle has her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. She spent many years as a Forensic Facial Artist. She is passionate about using her art to help others. Come hear her fascinating story and take home a beautiful self painted watercolor painting.

Bring a sandwich. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

Creating Kindness

Send a card of thanks to someone in your life.

-Heather Stamey

Hearts In Motion

We need candy donations for the egg hunts being held on Saturday, April 8th. The first hunt will begin at 10:00am for ages 4 and under. The second will begin at 10:30am for ages 5-11. The last will be an adult hunt at 11am!

There is a donation box in the elevator foyer on the 2nd floor plus a wagon to fill as well. Deadline to turn in candy is Wednesday, April 5th. Please check with Rev. Dr. Carol McCann or Sue Mitchell if you have any questions.

Hearts in motion will also be collecting items for the community closet hosted by Hungary Creek Middle School. If you have any questions please contact Peggy Ingram or Sue Mitchell.

National Day of Prayer

**THURSDAY, MAY 4th, 2023 AT HATCHER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH:
7 AM TO 7 PM**

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER EXISTS TO MOBILIZE UNIFIED PRAYER FOR AMERICA AND BRING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY TOGETHER TO INTERCEDE FOR AMERICA'S LEADERS AND IT'S FAMILIES.

THE 2023 THEME IS: James 5:16B "PRAY FERVENTLY IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND AVAIL MUCH."


We invite you to join us at Hatcher Church for a time to pray throughout the day with someone or just yourself, either outside, in the prayer garden or inside the Chapel. Prayer Guides will be available to help you pray for families, churches, business and workplace, education, the military, our government, plus arts, entertainment and media of today. We will all "pray fervently in righteousness and avail much." Come anytime throughout the day to pray for our Country. God needs to hear your voice and heart. A special scripture has been selected for each state by the NDP Task Force that you can read and pray for our state also. Virginia's scripture is Hebrews 10:23-25.

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage another --- and all the more as you see the Day approaching."


Volunteers will be needed to man the booths in front of the church to hand out prayer guides and direct guests to the prayer garden or the Chapel. One hour shifts will be available from 7 AM to 7 PM. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex of the main Sanctuary. Our McShin partners may sign up with Phyllis Johnson. We will need at least 24 volunteers. For more information, please call 804-266-9696 to leave a message with the Office Manager for Mary Dunston.


THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023

**PRAY FERVENTLY
IN RIGHTEOUSNESS**



AND AVAIL MUCH
JAMES 5:16B

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 

WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG 

Ministry

April Worship Themes

His Light Shining Through Our Hands



April 2

His Kingdom Light Shining Through Us

The Beginning of Holy Week

Palm Sunday and Communion Service

Mark 11:1-11

April 9

His Light Shining Through Our Actions

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

The Light of Zacchaeus' Life, *Luke 19:1-10*

April 16

His Light Shining Through Our Spirit

THE PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

The Lord's Prayer, *Matthew 6:9-13*

April 23

His Light Shining Through Our Love

Luke 24:1-8

April 30

His Light Shining in His Love

John 5:16-23

Wednesday Evening Bible Study Topics

This Month will Feature the Books in the Bible with only 1 Chapter

Jude Philemon Obadiah

April 5

There will not be a study nor Wednesday Evening meal

There will be the Seder Meal on Thursday Night

April 12

Jude 1:1-25 (Jude is only 1 Chapter)

Knowing Corrupt Teachers and Encourage Godly Living

April 19

Philemon 1:1-25 (Philemon is only 1 Chapter)

Introduction, Thanksgiving, and Prayer 1:1-7

Paul's plea for Onesimus 1:8-25

April 26

Obadiah (Obadiah is only 21 verses long)

This is the shortest Book in the Old Testament

Worship *AND* Discipleship



April

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

PRAYING FOR YOU

April 1

Kelly Coleman

Lorraine Martin

April 4

April Allen

April 6

Sydney Taylor

April 7

Debbie Strickler

Ryan Ripley

April 9

Stephanie Morris

Ruth Newton

April 11

Fred Greenwood

April 12

Judy Moore

April 13

Joseph Mills

April 15

Faye Sadler

April 16

Edith Greaner

Gloria Clarke

Jeffrey Bryant

April 19

Gary & Terry Hoover*

April 22

Kim Schenk

April 23

Terry Moore

April 24

Lena Taylor

April 25

Vivian Parks

Natasha Matthews

April 28

Jean McFadden

April 29

Janet Farthing

Teresa Bullard

Barbara and Frank Walker
(friends Sharon Newcomb)

Bernie Pomfrey

Bubba & Harriett Garnett

Cindi Bruce

(Friend of Robert Redden)

Connie Johnson

Coventry Haywood

David Lamphere

(Brother in-law of the Lynn's)

Debbie Peak-Breast Cancer

Dominic, 6 Years Old

(Friend of Linda Pomfrey)

Fred Waller

(Betty Waller's Husband)

Gary Duke

Hatcher CDC Staff & Families

Janet Henderson

(Family of Susan Dawson)

Jean Beard

Jeff & Sandra Taylor

(son of Evelyn Konwerski)

Jim Haden

Judy Watkins

June Banes

Kathy Crone

Liv H.

(Friend of Mary Boegershausen)

Louise Crigger-Hospice

(Mary Dunston's Aunt)

Lucy Roberts

(Melissa Steward's Mother)

Martha Price

(Mother of Sharon Gayness)

Melissa Steward

(Barbara Trimmer's granddaughter in-law)

Nancy Walker

Pete & Eddie Delano

Rick Roddenberry

Rose Bookman

Scott Benton

(Shirley Tuck's Son)

Scout Craig

(Joe & Kay Craig's Granddaughter)

Sharon & Johnnie Newcomb

Stuart & Frank Joerg

Susan Dawson

Teddy Martin

Zachary Unroe

(Jane Stanard's Grandson)

Our Deepest Sympathy To:

Bob Llewellyn and family on the passing of **June Llewellyn**,
March 12th.

Joe & Kay Craig on the passing of their son, **Mike Craig**, March 9th.

Bruce Elliott on the passing of his mother, **Peggy Elliott**, long time
Hatcher CDC Employee, March 3rd.

The family of **Judy Bowden** on her passing, February 21st.

Sharon Bracken and family on the passing of her nephew, **Bill Bostic**,
February 9th.

Gary Hoover & Tricia Allen on the passing of their aunt,
Audrey Evans Demasters, February 3rd.

Among Our Fellowship



Creative

Crafting!!

A few Sundays ago we had a "free craft day". This is where there were no guidelines or instructions on what to make. What they made was all based on their own individual thoughts and creativity. I let them loose to freely use whatever materials we had on hand (yes, even glitter!) and the outcome was amazing. We had a prince frog, a dragonfly, an alien, bracelets, and much to my surprise a glitter bomb. When the glitter bomb was released we had fun pretending that a fairy had come to visit our room and also learned how to use vacuums. So much fun was had by all! We are so grateful to see these precious children every Sunday and witness what amazing individuals God has made!



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Hatcher Kids

HATCHER CHURCH LEADERSHIP FOR 2023-2024

Deacons

Co-Chairs — Lena Taylor & Carol McCann

Secretary—Alice Phillips

Treasurer—Janice Conroy

<u>2020-2023</u>	<u>2021-2024</u>	<u>2022-2025</u>
Susan Haynes	Carol McCann	Wayne Duke
Terry Hoover	Frank Martin	Cookie Martin
Alice Phillips		Michael DiGaetano (yoke)
Lena Taylor		Tom Ingram

Church Officers

Moderator: Dr. Carol McCann
 Treasurer: Jackie Matthews
 Clerk: Debbie Welch
 Asst. Clerk: Sharon Vecchione

Committee Chairpersons

CDC: Sharon Vecchione*
 Counting: Mary Atwell
 Endowment: Belinda Blanchard
 Finance: Jerry Myers
 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

Building Use Coordinator :
 McShin Board Representative:
 Wedding Coordinator:
 LAMB'S Basket Representatives:
 Benevolence Coordinator:

William Moseley
 Phyllis Johnson
 Terry Hoover
 Susan Haynes, Paul & Sharon Vecchione
 Alice Phillips

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Jerry Myers, Webmaster
Kay Craig, Love & Fellowship Coordinator