



On February 15th, 6:30 pm, we will have a brief Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a time of reflection the church has observed for over 1,700 years to encourage believers to examine their walk with the Lord and refocus their lives on the reality of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Zach Dawes, in Ethicsdaily.com writes: "The Lenten season is about taking time to reflect upon our lives and to repent of whatever does not align with Jesus' vision of life under the reign of God. It is about healing and hallowing life, not denigrating and denying it."

Our Ash Wednesday service will include the imposition of ashes on the forehead for those who wish them, reminding us of our mortality and our dependence on the promise of eternal life in Christ.



Manly Memorial will once again host the Community Lenten Services at 12:10 pm in the sanctuary on Thursdays, February 15th – March 22nd. The services will last about 20 minutes. A light lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall. The suggested donation for the lunch is \$5.00. The Rev. Paul Carter, pastor of Grace Presbyterian, will speak on February 15th and the Rev. Joe Cailles, pastor of Trinity United Methodist, will speak on February 22nd.

**OUT OF MY MIND**

What should be the chief goal of your life? Should it be to have a successful business or career? To make enough money to be comfortable? To practice a healthy lifestyle? To have a happy family? The Apostle Paul gives us this piece of advice: "Let love be your highest goal." (1 Corinthians 14:1 NLT)

So who are we to love? Jesus told us that when he said that the most important commandment was to: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength. And the second is this, 'Love your neighbor as yourself' There is no commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:30, 31)

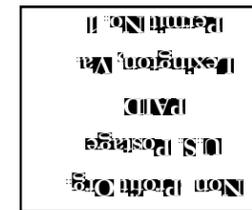
Christianity is more about relationships than it is about religion. Too often religion is reduced to trying to keep certain rules and observing certain rituals. That kind of thinking produces a "I'm right, your wrong" mindset, and an "I'm in, you're out" perspective. But a focus on relationship means that I seek to make loving God and the people he places around me a priority. I focus my life on staying connected to God and seeking to love others in his name.

We're even told by Jesus how we are to love others. He tells us "Treat others the way you would like them to treat you." (Matthew 7:12) In other words, regardless of their age, gender, race, socio-economic status, country of origin, lifestyle, or political persuasion, we are to treat others with the same kindness, courtesy, respect, patience, dignity and forgiveness that we would like for them to extend to us.

How important is it that we love others in this way? Jesus said, "Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." (John 13:35) My prayer is that we will always be known in this community for how much we love God, and love others in his name.

Your Pastor,  
Mike

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**BIBLE STUDY FLOATERS**  
February 4<sup>th</sup> - Loretta Ballard  
February 11<sup>th</sup> - Carole Berger  
February 18<sup>th</sup> - Barbara Heckman  
February 25<sup>th</sup> - Barbara Heckman

**HALL WATCH**  
February 4<sup>th</sup> - Gary Judy  
February 11<sup>th</sup> - Bucky Joyce  
February 18<sup>th</sup> - Patsy Paxton  
February 25<sup>th</sup> - Joel Snow

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**  
February 4<sup>th</sup> - Mike Bozeman  
February 11<sup>th</sup> - Barbara Cash  
February 18<sup>th</sup> - Dale Raymond  
February 25<sup>th</sup> - Linda Hooks

**BIBLE STUDY NURSERY SCHEDULE**  
February 4<sup>th</sup> - Robyn Sherman  
February 11<sup>th</sup> - Cathy Wranek & Bobbie Canfield  
February 18<sup>th</sup> - Beverly Shotwell & Debbie Fox  
February 25<sup>th</sup> - Barbara Cash & Robyn Sherman

**WORSHIP SERVICE NURSERY SCHEDULE**  
February 4<sup>th</sup> - Cathy Wranek & Deborah Caylor  
February 11<sup>th</sup> - Patsy Williamson & Maggie Moore  
February 18<sup>th</sup> - Sharon Martin & Carole Berger  
February 25<sup>th</sup> - Carole Judy & Molly Kay Moore



- 9th Barbara & Don Heckman
- 14th Lois & Gordie Valentine  
David & Sara Campbell
- 25th Charles & Darlene Patterson

If you have a birthday or anniversary coming up, please share it with us!



- 6th Patti Roscoe
- 8th Sam Wilds
- 12th Beverly Saunders
- 14th Sharon Grist
- 17th Bruce Saunders
- 18th Keven Jones
- 20th Dana Southers
- 21st Joan Joyce
- 22nd Lois Valentine
- 24th Sylvia Loudermilk  
Emma Moore



Thanks to those who volunteered to serve at the Community Table on January 22, 2018 and a special thanks to Barbara Heckman for heading up this project. It is always rewarding to serve others.

Our project for February is collecting cleaning supplies for Lisa's House. Carole Berger will coordinate this project. If you have any questions about what is needed please contact Carole at 463-1148 or [cwberger202@gmail.com](mailto:cwberger202@gmail.com).

WMU Focus Week is February 11<sup>th</sup> through February 18<sup>th</sup>. Normally we would have Women's Day around this time but we are postponing it this year because of the schedule of the speaker we have chosen. Lynn Litchfield will be our guest speaker on **Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**. She is with GraceInside, Virginia's Prison Chaplain Service and will share the Story of Hope. Lynn has spoken at Manly a couple of times before and always brings a powerful message so mark your calendars!

Our next quarterly meeting will be **Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**. We will discuss plans for Women's Day at this meeting as well as upcoming projects. Looking forward to seeing you all at our meeting!

**February 7<sup>th</sup>**

Effie Wallace  
(Fried chicken, peas, coleslaw, dessert & bread)

**February 14<sup>th</sup>**

Cake & Casserole Team  
(Roasted chicken, baked potatoes, green beans, assorted deserts & bread)

**February 21<sup>st</sup>**

Effie Wallace  
(Roast beef, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, dessert & bread)

**February 28<sup>th</sup>**

Brian Kave & Friends  
(Chili, cornbread and desserts )



The cake & casserole ministry will meet on **Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am**. Please join us!



The Missions Committee will meet on **Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> in the backpack room at 6:00 pm** to discuss the possibility of a summer mission trip. If you are interested in a trip this summer please plan to attend this meeting. We need your input to finalize plans!

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY**

Children are invited to lunch and an afternoon of indoor swimming on **Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**. We will leave right after church and grab lunch before heading to Roanoke's Green Ridge Recreation Center for swimming. Please RSVP with Ms. Beverly (460-0409) if you plan to go.



Our luncheon at the Pink Cadillac was well attended. Plans were made for February, Rockapella Concert at Rockbridge Co High

School on **Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**. On **Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** we'll go see First Baptist of Ivy Gap in Fincastle with dinner following at Foot of the Mountain Restaurant. Plans are being made for a fall trip to Lancaster PA, details to follow. There are several events at Lenfest in February and March, so please check the bulletin board outside of the church office. Blessings, Roger and Patsy Williamson

We encourage you to continue to pray for all our church volunteers in 2018!



During the month of February we are highlighting Roger & Patsy Williamson, JOY Group leaders and Judy Dunning, Bucky Joyce, Brian Kave, Gordie Valentine, Patsy & Roger Williamson, Habitat Build volunteers. Prayer is an important and powerful component in the life of the church that makes such a difference! Let's encourage and support the many people who give their time and talents as volunteers here that allow our church to spread God's message!



The Bluefield College Chamber Singers will be performing their Spring Concert at Manly Memorial on **Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm**. The concert is free and open to the public. A love offering to defray expenses will be taken. Virginia Baptists have a long history of support for Bluefield College. Come out for an evening of delightful music. A reception will be held after the concert in the Fellowship Hall.

The Chamber Singers will need a place to spend the night before continuing their tour on Sunday morning. If you can provide a bed please contact Lucy Wilkins at 463-7065. There are 15 singers (5 male, 10 female) a female chaperone and a female accompanist.

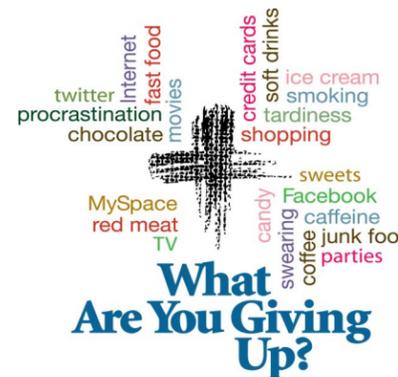
Thursday Lenten services begin in the sanctuary at MMBC on **February 15<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to sing for one of these services please contact Lucy Wilkins.

If you would like to be a part of our Holy Week services, now is the time to join the Choir! **Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**, we will begin working on music for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday. The music is from a collection of contemporary composers called *Hallelujah What A Savior!*



The Children's Choir will begin rehearsals on **Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 pm**. Please contact Lee Higgins (464-1531) for more info.

The Meador-Steele Handbell Choir will begin rehearsals on **Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:45 pm**. Please contact Lee Higgins (464-1531) for more information.



**SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:45 AM**

**February 4<sup>th</sup> "Know God" with Jacob Thayer**  
"You don't have to know everything to share something!" When you love something—like really love something—you probably talk about it a lot. But if that's true, why is talking about God so difficult? The truth is, talking about God doesn't have to make us nervous, scared, or awkward. When it comes to talking about God, we already have all we need to help both ourselves and others know Him more!

**February 11<sup>th</sup> "Know God" with Molly Kay Moore**  
"Worship is more about the Who than the how!" When you hear the word "worship," what comes to mind? Singing songs? Words on a screen? Someone playing an acoustic guitar? What if worship was so much more than that? Worship isn't as much about how we do it as it is about Who it's directed toward!

**February 18<sup>th</sup> "Best Seller" with Laura Jones**  
"Context makes things clearer!"

The Bible is the number one bestseller of all-time, but the idea of reading it isn't always that appealing. Maybe that's because for a lot of us, we're just not sure that what's written in the pages is all actually true. We will look at a few reasons we can trust that the Bible is not only true, but also something we can read and understand with clarity as well!

**February 25<sup>th</sup> "Best Seller" with Thomas Smals**  
"The Bible brings things to light!"

If you've ever found yourself stumbling around in a dark room looking for a light, then you know what life without the help of the Bible looks like. Instead of waiting until the dark moments to turn to it, God wants us to see the Bible as a tool that can help you light up your whole path. We will look at a few simple steps you can take to begin using the Bible to light your way!



**Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**9:30 am** - Snow Tubing (Massanutten) & Lunch (CiCi's)

**Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 pm** - Super Bowl Fellowship (Youth Room)

**Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO YOUTH GROUP**

**Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO YOUTH GROUP**

**Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**5:30 pm** - Youth Group Meeting (Dinner provided)

**Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:30 pm** - Youth Group Meeting (Dinner provided)