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OUT OF MY MIND

According to the church calendar, we're now in the season of Lent. Lent is a 40 day period that the Christian church has been observing for over 1700 years. During this time Christians are encouraged to examine and renew their spiritual lives so that during Holy Week they can truly commemorate the suffering and death of Jesus on the cross, and on Easter fully celebrate his resurrection from the grave.

Some faith groups encourage Christians to give up something during Lent as a way of focusing their thoughts and attention on Christ's sacrificial example, and that approach certainly has merit and benefit.

But rather than challenge you to give up something for Lent this year, I would like you to focus on gaining something. As you well know, these are difficult and divisive times, and it's all too easy for us to become down and discouraged, critical and cynical. Most of us can easily create a list of what we feel is wrong with the world and what is not going as we hope, dream, expect or desire in our own lives. What is harder is for us to achieve a positive outlook that can withstand the storms of pessimism that pound us each week.

So, in these weeks leading up to Easter, I invite you to take time each day to "fill your minds and meditate on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse." (Philippians 4:8 Message)

Each day try to identify some way that God in Christ has enriched your life with his hope, peace, love and joy. You might want to write these blessings down or even share them with a friend. However you choose to go about it, let these days of Lent become a time when you focus on gaining a more thankful heart.

If you do this, by the time Easter comes, you will be filled with a deeper appreciation for the work of Jesus Christ in your life and be truly ready to celebrate both his resurrection and the incredible life he offers us.

Your Pastor,
Mike

Rockbridge Area Relief Association

Item of the month for March is rice or pasta. Please leave your donations in the box outside of the nursery or choir room. Thank you!



The youth are offering tulips for Easter Sunday as a fundraiser. **The cost is \$12.00** and you may dedicate your tulip "In Memory" or "In Honor" of a loved one. **Sunday, March 29** will be the last day to place your order.

SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

On Wednesday, March 4 at 5:45 pm a special business meeting will be held to vote on a proposal from the Finance Committee to increase the amount designated in the 2020 budget for the Pastor's Insurance.



Sunday morning, **March 8**, daylight savings time will start! Please remember to set your clocks forward 1 hour before bed on Saturday night, March 7. We look forward to seeing you!

CAKE & CASSEROLE MINISTRY

Join us on **Saturday, March 7 at 9:00 am** for a wonderful time of fellowship preparing cakes for the Community Table and casseroles for those in our church and community.

BIBLE STUDY FLOATERS

- March 1 - Loretta Ballard
- March 8 - Barbara Heckman
- March 15 - Loretta Ballard
- March 22 - Barbara Heckman
- March 29 - Loretta Ballard

HALL WATCH

- March 1 - Bucky Joyce
- March 8 - Gary Judy
- March 15 - Mike Bozeman
- March 22 - Joel Snow
- March 29 - Rolf Piranian

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- March 1 - Rick Lollis
- March 8 - Larry Bond
- March 15 - Roger Williamson
- March 22 - Lee Higgins
- March 29 - Patsy Paxton

WORSHIP NURSERY SCHEDULE

- March 1 - Linda Bond
- March 8 - Cathy Wranek
- March 15 - Patsy Williamson
- March 22 - Deborah Caylor
- March 29 - Sharon Martin



14 Charlie and Amy Reid

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



- 8 Dale Raymond
- 9 Everette Huger
- 11 Dee Fuller
- 12 Braeden Hartbarger
- Garner Fleming
- 13 Clyde Keen
- 14 Jeannie VanNess
- 15 Carol Bozeman
- 16 Hunter Grist
- 22 Alicia Raymond
- 28 Fred Huger
- Ryan Krese
- 31 Clyde Mull



The Tea for Lexington House residents on February 23 went very well. Sixteen residents attended as well as seven adults from MMBC. Many people contributed food and goodies that were unable to attend. The residents really enjoyed the opportunity socialize and make new friends. Taylors of Harrogate's Lemon & Orange Tea was the hands down favorite! Many thanks to all who contributed food, time, prayer and good will to this event.

Our March project will be our baby shower for Caring Pregnancy Center on **Saturday, March 14 from 2:00 till 4:00 pm**. A representative will be in attendance to share more about the center and to open the gifts. Each mom is given a diaper bag with the essentials so items most needed are bags, diapers (size 3 - 6) wipes, baby shampoo, baby lotion, and Desitin cream. Please bring the gifts wrapped. Refreshments will be served. Join us for a fun time!

We will hold our quarterly meeting on **March 9 at 5:15 pm in room 120**. Our guest speaker will be a representative from Young Life. We will have a brief program on the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. **Our goal is \$1,500.00**. Future projects will be discussed.



The Mission Committee is discussing returning to Nickelsville, VA **Sunday, July 12 thru Friday, July 17**. **Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 4 at 5:15 pm in room 105. Anyone interested in going, should plan on attending or contact Thomas Smals (540-525-7399) before the meeting.** Nickelsville provides a good venue to experience serving at the food pantry, clothing closet and nursing home as well as hands on work with home repairs and construction.



Now is the perfect time to spring clean around your home and donate your no longer used or needed treasures for the sale! Our youth will hold an indoor yard sale on **Saturday, April 4 from 8 am till 12 pm** to help raise money for the mission trip. **Items can be dropped off Monday - Friday from 9 am - 1 pm in the Men's Bible class near the back parking lot entrance.**



Are you curious about how the church works or about what it means to be a Christian? Are you new to Manly Memorial? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you are invited to a one-class discussion session on **Sunday, March 8, at 9:45 am**.

Linda Hooks will lead the discussion in **room 113** across from the church office. The session will provide some information on who we are as a church and will give you a chance to ask questions and meet others.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the church office or Linda Hooks. If you cannot join us on this date, there will be another opportunity in late spring. We hope to see you there!



It is time for the annual distribution submissions from the Manly Memorial Church Ministries Endowment. These submissions may be for current or new ministries of the church including, church-approved mission projects, scholarships, and new projects/programs until such time as their financing is provided in the general church budget. Keeping these requirement in mind, **please submit a request form to the church office by Sunday, March 15. The forms can be found outside of the church office. You may also submit your request via email to office@manlybaptist.com.**

Be sure to include who the request is coming from (individual or group), amount requesting, date funds are needed, and purpose for the request. We will notify individuals or groups of the status of their request by mid-April.



There is no cost for the event. For lunch, there is a \$5 suggested donation.

Join us as we discover how we as the church and community can respond to Domestic Violence, Depression, Addiction, Human Trafficking and much more!

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21
8:30 AM-4:00 PM**

REGISTER AT <http://www.buenavistachurch.org/hope-event.html>
By Wednesday, March 18

QUESTIONS: Contact Rev. Rhonda Pedigo at rhonha87@gmail.com



Manly Memorial will once again host the Community Lenten Services, **at 12:10 pm in the Sanctuary**. The services will last about 20 minutes and a light lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall for \$5.00.

Thursday, March 5
Speaker - Rev. Paul Carter (Grace Presbyterian)
Worship Leader - Rev. Joe D'Aurora
Soloist - Lucy Wilkins

Thursday, March 12
Speaker - Rev. Casey Clark (New Monmouth Presbyterian)
Worship Leader - Rev. Joe Cailles
Soloist - Pat Tichenor

Thursday, March 19
Speaker - Rev. Eric Parker (St. Paul's Anglican)
Worship Leader - Rachel Clark
Soloist - James Pannebecker

Thursday, March 26
Speaker - Rev. Reginald A. Early (Randolph Street UM)
Worship Leader - Rev. Tuck Bowerfind
Soloist - Sue Ann Huger

Thursday, April 2
Speaker - Rev. Joe D'Aurora (St. Patrick Catholic)
Worship Leader - Dr. Mike Wilkins
Duet - Lucy Wilkins & Sandy Nye

BECOME A VOLUNTEER - MAKE A DIFFERENCE



BIBLE STUDY FLOATERS NEEDED

Being a floater has nothing to do with either swimming or boating but rather is an important part of our church's child protection policy. Ideally, each nursery, preschool, children and youth Sunday Morning Bible Study class would have two or more adult leaders. Unfortunately, because of our size, that standard is rarely realized. A floater is our solution to this problem. A floater is someone who goes from class to class, and looks in on what is happening. Since their appearance is unscheduled, they provide another layer of child protection. A floater is also available to assist the teacher if a special need arises. **If you would be willing to serve as a "floater" please contact the church office (office@manlybaptist.com).**



Wednesday, March 4 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Dinner, Game & Bible Study

Wednesday, March 11
NO YOUTH GROUP

Friday, March 13 - Sunday, March 15
Journey Youth Weekend (Eagle Eyrie, Lynchburg)

Sunday, March 15 6:00 pm
FCA Soar Dunk Event (Maury River Middle School Gym)

Wednesday, March 18 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Dinner, Game & Bible Study

Monday, March 23 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Dinner (Cook-Out) & Clean-up at the Community Table

Wednesday, March 25
NO YOUTH GROUP



"The Chase" Sunday Morning Bible Study

We are all chasing something in life! However, what you may not realize is that when we choose to chase one thing, it often means we have to stop chasing something else. The same is true when it comes to following Jesus! We will learn that in order to truly chase after Him, we have to stop chasing some other things along the way!

March 1 with Laura Jones
Chasing Jesus means sharing Him with them!
John 1:45-46

"The Storyteller" Sunday Morning Bible Study
Everyone loves a good story! And as you know, there's no better storyteller than Jesus. We will look at some of His most memorable words and parables to learn more about who Jesus is, what God thinks about you, and how He wants us to live our lives going forward!

March 8 with Molly Kay Moore
You don't have to be fixed to be found!
Luke 15:11-32

March 22 with Katlyn Smals
At Jesus' party, there's always room for more!
Luke 14:16-21

March 29 with John Wranek
When it comes to prayer, don't quit because it's quiet!
Luke 11:5-8