

# Memorial Methodist Messenger

Memorial United Methodist Church, Norman Ramsey, Pastor

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**Our Mission is to help others grow in the love and joy of Jesus Christ**

*March 2021*



## *Pastor's Note...*

When we read about the temptations of Jesus in the wilderness we see two big things we need to remember. First, we see the temptations themselves and the broad categories within which all temptations fall: the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life.

But, more importantly than the temptations themselves we see how Jesus handled each one. And we see how integral the Holy Scriptures were in facing all three kinds of temptation.

Many of us have these responses memorized if not always applied to our times of testing. Read them out loud.

1. Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.'" (Luke 4: 4, Deuteronomy 8: 3)
2. Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" (Luke 4: 8, Deuteronomy 6: 13)
3. Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" (Luke 4: 12, Deuteronomy 6: 16)

Yes, become very familiar with these responses so you can mimic Jesus when you are tempted.

Take advantage of this season of Lent and the way it points us towards the cross and that resurrection morning that changed everything for us. Use these forty days of Lent not only as a time when the temptations we face are revealed for what they are.

But, let this time be a time of resolve, a time of strategic preparation where we map out how we will overcome the temptations that have dogged us in the past.

Let this time be set aside for a changing of habits and choices. But, don't fall into the trap of making these choices temporary. What progress will you make if you have already decided to backtrack and go back to your old ways once these forty days are finished?

Make firm decisions and stick with them. If God is pleased with what you do during these forty days keep on being faithful.

Find someone to hold you to account. Or, if God has called you to do something in secret keep up with things yourself. Write it down so you can have a record of it to remind yourself of what you are doing.

Hold on to Jesus Christ – the author and finisher of your faith. And do not lose heart for you will reap a reward if you do not quit.

It's so good to know God loves you. And we have living proof He still does – Jesus, our Resurrected Lord! Yes, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him will not perish but will have everlasting life." But Jesus is still demonstrating His love for us.

How? He is interceding for you and me, right now. Why? Because when someone loves you, they pray for you. And when they pray for you, they believe and secure God's best for you.

So, will you turn one good turn into another? As Jesus prays for you will you pray for others, starting with those of your own household and those who belong to the household of faith? Will you pray for and love others as you love yourself?

Listen to the Apostle Paul as he reminds us of the character of God's love.

"Love must be without hypocrisy. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse."

Romans 12: 9 - 14

Look at the priority of your love: serving the Lord. Don't forget that.

Why? Because Jesus said, "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only." (Luke 4: 8) Failing that you cannot truly love anyone as you should but when you love the Lord, love will see you through.

Yours in Christ's service,  
Norman





*Love Will See Us Through!*  
*Putting Things in Order through Love.*

**9:30 am – Worship in the Sanctuary  
(Overflow in Legacy Hall)**

March 7, 2021: Love Is Worth Trusting. (Isaiah 50)

*Holy Communion following our 9:30am service.*

March 14, 2021: Love Picks Us Up. (Isaiah 51)

*UMCOR Sunday – One Great Hour of Sharing*

March 21, 2021: Love Brings Good News. (Isaiah 52)

March 28, 2021: The Love Who Gave Himself for Me. (Isaiah 53)

**Church Council Minutes  
Memorial United Methodist Church  
Wednesday, February 17, 2021  
ZOOM and In-Person Meeting**

Those in attendance were Mitch & Sue Eggleston, Marie Milton, Mary Main, Steve Nadolson, Debby Long, Rodney Deaner, Kinckle Robinson, Leeann Robinson, Norm Ramsey, Sheila Webb, Cindy Ranson, Donna Deaner, Bobby Waddell.

Sue Eggleston called the meeting to order at 7:43 pm.

Marie Milton led devotions...."What will your 40 days of Lent look like?" Micah 6:8

January 2021 minutes were approved.

Kinckle Robinson (Finance)...Reports are in Realm format now. Giving was down \$19K last month. Building loan balance has been reduced to \$68K as of 2/1/21.

Angie Dillon & Cindy Ranson (MDC)...Nothing new to report, but everything is going well.

Donna Deaner (Discipleship)...Lent devotionals are available for kids and adults.

Debby Long & Marie Milton (Congregational Care)...Had a meeting on 2/8/21. 3 teams (8 people) visited 41 homes of senior members on 2/10/21, and were given Lent devotionals, oranges, flowers and a Valentine's card. The team has adopted 22 seniors from our church to call once a week and check on them. Will be offering those who cannot get on-line, a CD or printed copy of the sermons...Nick Mendoza is assisting with this. We are encouraging members to join small groups. Sue Eggleston will be starting a small group of 6 next week. The next caravan visit will do a short video from our seniors to show at an upcoming worship service.

Nathan & Brenda Putney (Prayer Ministry)...Prayer meetings were held 1/29 and 2/8. The care and concern of those at the meetings was evident, and gratifying to experience.

Mary Main (Evangelism)..."God Makes All Things New" was a sermon I heard recently. Evangelism wants to see how we can make all things new by sharing video clips of what new things some of our members are doing. Also, don't forget the Book Nook upstairs in Legacy Hall.

Sue Eggleston (CC Chair)...Need 1 volunteer each Wednesday night during Lent prayer time to be in the sanctuary with Norm. Would like MUMC to set-up our own YouTube channel....this was approved. We will have a musical extravaganza on Easter Sunday. Daycare would like to join our OneCall network....this was approved.

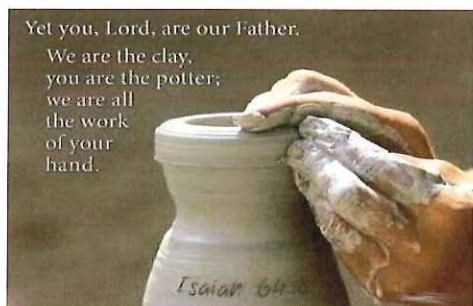
Norm Ramsey (Pastor)...Thanks to Congregational Care folks for visiting our members. Please be mindful of those who may not have power/heat during these storms. Be in prayer for the Wednesday night prayer time from 6:45 to 8 pm in the sanctuary during Lent. Pray for the virtual congerence in June. Be in prayer for General Conference as well.

Norm Ramsey closed in prayer.

Sue Eggleston adjourned the meeting at 8:14 pm.

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## CR — One of The Potter's Tools

Have you read a familiar Bible verse, a verse you could repeat by heart, but this time it really strikes a chord? Well, that happened at a recent CR meeting. Now I must confess it happened not while reading a verse but when watching the Maranatha Singers video

*Change My Heart, oh Lord.* (<https://youtu.be/IIsmG-eJTU>).

Change my heart, oh God, make it ever true. Change my heart, oh God, may I be like You

You are the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray

Change my heart, oh God, make it ever true. Change my heart, oh God, may I be like You

While the song played, pictures streamed across the screen of a potter creating a clay vessel. The potter working brought to mind the process of change with which we all struggle.

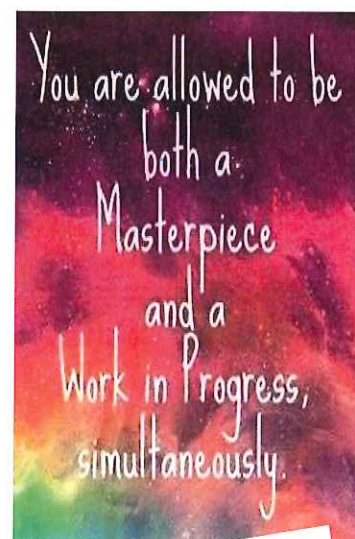
The potter starts with a glob of mud full of imperfections, powerless to change on its own. The clay, in denial, doesn't understand its flaws. The potter takes over, working the clay, pounding out air bubbles, kneading in water. With the added moisture, the potter starts to form the clay. The water, like the word of God, is needed before a change can begin. The clay is centered on the wheel, just as we are centered in Christ.

The wheel spinning helping the potter to slowly and steadily work using his hands to form the pot. Just like the Holy Spirit working inside us, the potter puts his hands deep into the heart of the clay to pull it from a lump into the shape of a vase.

The potter applies a healthy amount of pressure as he continues to shape this lump of clay. Not only the potter's hands but several other tools help him in the process of forming the vase ... the wheel, more water, several scrapers. These are like the many tools that come into our lives to help us become the person God designed. The tools and pressures help remove toxic qualities such as pride, arrogance, bad tempers, worry, lust, and struggles such as depression, co-dependency, and grief.

The final step, after spinning, dosing in water, pushing, prodding, shaping with tools, is fire. Yes, the potter takes a blow torch to the outside of his creation to stabilize the clay before putting the jar in a blazing hot oven for firing.

The potter doesn't see the glob of clay but the end product, a beautiful vessel. Join us every Tuesday where God uses his love and the tool of CR to mold us into His likeness and to help us work through our hurts, hang-ups, and harmful habits.



## Celebrate Recovery Appomattox

Call us -- Cheryl Gowin 434-808-2637 or Dennis Gowin 434-808-2426  
like CR-Appomattox on Facebook @celebrate.recovery.appomattox

Join your Fellow Mountain Climbers ..  
Reaching for a Life Renewed  
6:30 Tuesday's Legacy Hall

## God Makes All Things New

Bear and I have recently been listening to the sermons by a young friend of ours, Jacob Armstrong, at Providence United Methodist Church in Mount Juliet, Tennessee. About 12 years ago, the church we were attending helped to “plant” Providence and we got to know Jacob during that time. What started out as a small group of people meeting in storefronts and schools has now become a dynamic church with over 1500 members and its own beautiful campus.



It occurred to me, as I sat at home quarantined, that if anyone would have a message of good news and hope to share, it would be Jacob. We tuned in to the first service of 2021 and his message had a profound impact on me.

The gist of his message was: ***God makes all things new. God doesn't make all new things.*** Our Almighty God created something good out of nothing so he can certainly make something new out of each of us!

Well, that got me thinking. If God can make us new as individuals, then He can certainly work through us to create something new within our Church and our Community. We all know the eye rolling, glib statement, “change is hard”. Well, guess what...we already changed and we have done so kicking and screaming through 2020! That being said, the next step in change should be a lot easier.

So, it's time to think “outside the box” to re-imagine and re-energize Memorial United Methodist Church. Yes, we have guidelines from the CDC, the Governor, and the Bishop, but that doesn't mean that we can't find ways within those guidelines to re-invigorate ourselves and our congregation.

I miss “US”! I bet you do too. The “US” catching up with each other every Sunday. . . hugging and smiling! Seeing our beautiful children go off to children's church, worshiping and singing and sharing our joys and concerns are all a big part of “US”. We now need to figure out a new way to connect “US”.

It's time to collaborate! The Ready Set Grow Team (Evangelism) in conjunction with the Worship Arts Committee and the Congregational Care Committee will be working toward some ways to make things new at Memorial. Our first order of business will be to get some video clips to share of what we have all been doing over the past year...building, creating, reading, hiking or just watching the birds. This will allow us to get a glimpse into each other's lives.

Let's turn church into a verb! How can we church? If you have some ideas on how to re-imagine and re-invigorate “US”, please contact me, Sue Eggleston, Debby Long, or Marie Milton.

### Help us make things new!

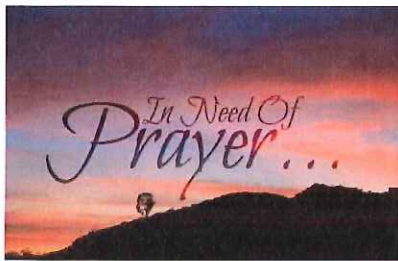
With Hope and Love,  
Mary Main, Co-Chair  
Ready Set Grow Team



*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone the new is here.*

2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:17





Family of Doug Maxwell (Tom Maxwell's brother)  
 Family of Kenneth Coleman  
 Ronnie Ranson – recovery from back surgery  
 Donna Elder, in ICU at LGH  
 Gayle Williams, injuries from a fall/transition to rehab  
 Ashley Noble (Janet Noble's grandson's wife) – surgery 2/12  
 Greg & Amy Beth Coleman – gall bladder surgery/cancer & MS (Greg)  
 Chase (great-grandson of Janet Noble) – in quarantine due to Covid  
 Chuck Nepage, liver cancer (pray for him and for Nancy)  
 Louie Quinio (Julie Cheatham's brother) – surgery/broken hip  
 Brenda Wilkerson (friend of Ashly Noble) – breast cancer spreading  
 April Mela – back & knee pain  
 Billy Torrence (Sue Eggleston's brother-in-law), surgery  
 Miranda Nash (Karen Ramsey's niece) abscess in abdomen  
 Coach Doug Smith, bone cancer  
 Josh (Grandson of Danny & Linda Moon), in Roanoke hospital  
 Stan (Virginia Williams' brother) Recovery from back surgery  
 Steve (Virginia Williams' brother) Lung cancer surgery Feb. 9  
 Tommy Bryant (Beverly Davidson's brother-in-law)  
 Susan Mankad (friend of Dickersons), young mother, cancer  
 Brenda Sidley, cancer diagnosis (Penny Mongold's cousin)  
 Carolyn & Tom Jolly and family  
 Butch Taylor, early Alzheimer's, (friend of Pastor Norm)  
 Wayne Smith, heart issues (Relative of a friend of the Bergdolls)  
 Judy Ferguson & family (aunt of Dawn Elliott)  
 Kindlee Faith Evans (friend of Kelly Coles)  
 Susan Book (pain management)  
 Danny Dickerson, continued recovery from addiction  
 Bobby Garrett, testing for spot on lungs  
 Bethany Nadolson, Targeted Cancer treatments  
 Greg Knight (Francis Knight's son)  
 Darlene Clark (Gerald Wilbun's cousin- heart attack)  
 Jennifer Tucker (friend of Cindi Williams, breast cancer)  
 Frances Parsons (Bob Parson's mother)  
 Doug Doss Jr. (Father of Melissa Doss)  
 Cayden Walsh (Walsh's grandson)  
 Brandon Coles (Kelly Coles' brother)  
 Robin Parsons (daughter of the Parsons- cancer)  
 Patricia Wallace (Melissa Doss' aunt)  
 Timothy Lloyd (Skeeter & Betty's Grandson)  
 Carrie B. Lloyd (Rick & Mindy Blake's daughter)  
 Carina Bergdoll – leg issues (Daughter-in-law of Bergdolls)  
 Shawn & Jennifer Walsh (Jean Walsh's son & daughter-in-law)

From Brenda and Nathan Putney:

## Prayer Requests

Please send prayer requests and praises for 2021 to our new account at [PrayerChainMUMC@yahoo.com](mailto:PrayerChainMUMC@yahoo.com). Our chairpersons for this year, Nathan and Brenda Putney, will be monitoring this email account and contacting prayer support as needed. You may also call the church office at 434-352-5705 with prayer concerns.

Our prayer ushers have been praying for you at our bi-weekly Monday night prayer times. All are invited to attend these meetings. For February our meetings will be in the sanctuary on 2/8 and 2/22 at 7pm.

Karen Ramsey  
 Elsie Ranson  
 Betty Guthrie  
 Francis Knight  
 Andrew Nitzel  
 Cheryl Skipper  
 Tanner Campbell  
 Bob Dunnam  
 Bobby Waddell  
 Joanne Burger  
 Gary Lindsey  
 Cassidy Richardson  
 Cathy Bates  
 Phil Bass  
 Deb Stacey  
 Sharee Whitmer  
 Skeeter & Betty Armstrong

Note new  
 address for  
 Nelwyn.


### Continuing Concerns:

Ruth Smith, The Summit, Room 119, 1400 Enterprise Drive, Lynchburg, Virginia 24502  
 Anne Weakley, Babcock Manor, 4151 Pumping Station Rd. Appomattox, VA 24522  
 Lorene Lucado, Babcock Manor, 4151 Pumping Station Rd. Appomattox, VA 24522  
 Estaline McCraw- c/o Ann Smith 4132 Suck Mountain Trail, Bedford, VA 24523 (at Babcock Manor)  
 Mary Martin, Valley View Retirement, Room 401A, 1213 Long Meadows Dr., Lynchburg, VA 24502  
 Daphne Jackson, Bentley Commons, Apt. 227, 1604 Graves Mill Rd., Lynchburg, VA 24502  
 Nelwyn Smith: Pearls of Life at Liberty Ridge, Room 43 – Nelwyn Smith, 107 Monica Blvd., Lynchburg, 24502  
 Frances Rogers, St. Joseph's Home, 1503 Michaels Road, Henrico, VA 23229  
 Sara Baine, 160 Virginia Ave., Appomattox, VA 24522  
 Victor & Susan Vernon, 126 Ceocia Lane, Stuarts Draft, VA 24477  
 Manning & Myrt Harrell, 78 Woodline Dr., Concord, VA 24538  
 Anna Johnson, 276N Main St., Amherst, VA 24521  
 Cheryl Skipper, 193 Parkview Lane, Appomattox, VA 24522  
 United Methodist Church, All Bishops and Conference Leaders, Va. Conference Bishop Sharma Lewis,  
 Bishop District Superintendent Denise Bates, Pastor Norman & MUMC Leaders, Youth United, MUMC  
 College Students, Members of our Armed Services stationed overseas and here at home, Police Force &  
 Special Agencies, President Biden, World leaders, The United States of America, All refugees

### WANT SOMEONE TO PRAY WITH YOU?

Our prayer ushers haven't left you! We still want to pray with you even though church may look differently now! We encourage you to contact us by phone or email and we will be delighted to talk with you and pray for you! Romans 8:38-39 tells us "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." We are still the body of Christ even though we aren't physically together. God still loves you and so do we! So, do you wish for someone to pray with you? Then please contact one of us!

Anne Robinson	434-248-6924	<a href="mailto:arkindon@aol.com">arkindon@aol.com</a>
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Sue Eggleston	434-664-7325	<a href="mailto:sueeggleston918@gmail.com">sueeggleston918@gmail.com</a>
Shella Webb	434-352-7333 or 434-390-2602	<a href="mailto:appwebbl@aol.com">appwebbl@aol.com</a>
Steve "Bear" Nadolson	740-507-0717 or 434-352-7598	<a href="mailto:bear@soarr.com">bear@soarr.com</a>



LET US PRAY  
FOR YOU

**DURING LENT, THE SNCTUARY WILL BE OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 6:45 – 8:00 PM FOR PRAYER. THERE WILL BE A PRAYER GUIDE EACH WEEK AND A QUIET SPACE PROVIDED FOR YOU TO SEEK THE FACE OF GOD.**



*Pick up your **Lenten Devotional** inside the Legacy Hall Entrance or at the front entrance to the Sanctuary.*





You may contribute to the beauty of our sanctuary during the Lenten and Easter seasons by making a donation to the Flower Fund. There will be special flowers for Ash Wednesday and Holy Thursday services. Palms will decorate our altar area on Palm Sunday. Easter Services will be beautiful with Easter lilies in the sanctuary areas.

Please fill out the form and make your check payable to Memorial United Church (Lenten/Easter Decorations). These must be submitted by March 28th be included in our Easter Sunday bulletin.

## Remember the Book Nook

The Memorial Book Nook is located in the upstairs landing of the Legacy Hall Stairwell, brought to you by the "Ready Set Grow" Team.



We have quite a good mix of books now and I know of several folks who are taking advantage of this good old fashioned Book Swap...including me! It not only includes books, but also puzzles and DVD's. If you have some that you are finished with and would like to share, just bring them in and put them on the cart!

If you need a 'new' book to read, a DVD to watch or a jigsaw puzzle to work on, just pick one out and take it home. When you finish, you can bring it back or pass it on.

There are no check-out rules . . . just take a book and/or leave a book and enjoy!



*If you have any questions or suggestions,  
please contact Mary Main  
(434) 352-7598 or [Mary@MaryMain.com](mailto:Mary@MaryMain.com)*

## ARE YOU GETTING "ROBO-CALLS" FROM MUMC?

I hope so! We have been using the "One Call" system for a good while now and it has been a wonderful tool to communicate church information with our church family and friends. It has been extremely valuable in communicating last-minute weather cancellations, service reminders, etc. If you are NOT receiving these calls, please contact me so that you can be added to the system (or correct your information in the system). You can call me at 434-664-7325 or email at [sueeggleston918@gmail.com](mailto:sueeggleston918@gmail.com). Thank you!







The Missions committee of Memorial United Methodist Church exists to reach out to the needy and to spread the gospel. Its main focus is to involve the congregation in Missions. It is equally committed to local, national, and international needs. If you want to experience the joy of spreading the gospel and helping the needy, join us in one of our hands on Missions Opportunities! If you are interested in finding out more information or giving ideas on missions opportunities, please contact Sue Waddell at 434-660-0367.

### ***Our Missionary Partners:***

YoungLife (Appomattox, VA) Central Virginia VA27, P.O. Box 3543 Lynchburg, VA 24503-0543; ([giving.younglife.org](http://giving.younglife.org))

The Jesus Center (Appomattox, VA) P.O. Box 322 Appomattox, VA 24522

Clara Biswas, Street Children Ministries (Cambodia) [clarabiswas@online.com.kh](mailto:clarabiswas@online.com.kh) ([advance.umcmmission.org/p-1509-biswas-clara-mridula.aspx](http://advance.umcmmission.org/p-1509-biswas-clara-mridula.aspx))

Chris & Paula McNutt, Hope of Life, Mt. Comfort (Guatemala) 445 Abbitt Branch Rd. Appomattox, VA 24522 ([passion4guatemala.com](http://passion4guatemala.com))

Charles & Becky Jackson, Generous Hands (Philippines) [charlesbeckyjackson@msn.com](mailto:charlesbeckyjackson@msn.com)

The Mathers, Stepping Forward Ministries (Romania) Stepping Forward Ministries, PO Box 20065, Salem, Oregon 07307

### **IMPACT 2021 *Be His Feet!!!***



**“If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him.”**

**C.T. Studd**



**The Missions Committee  
will meet on March 18, 2021**



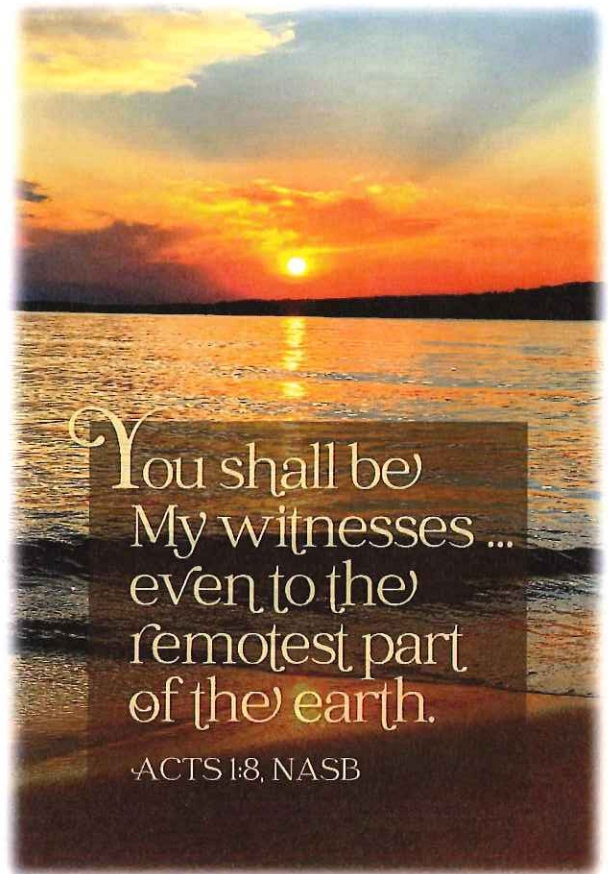
### **UPDATE ON OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

**2020 TOTALS:**

**Worldwide – 9,113,853**

**US – 7,809,410**

**Central Virginia – 7,074**



**You shall be  
My witnesses ...  
even to the  
remotest part  
of the earth.**

ACTS 1:8, NASB

**But what things were gain to me,  
these I have counted loss for Christ.  
Yet indeed I also count all things  
loss for the excellence of the  
knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord,  
for whom I have suffered the loss of  
all things, and count them as  
rubbish, that I may gain Christ”  
(Phil. 3:7-8).**

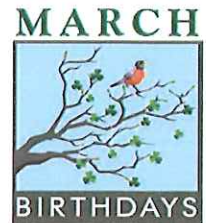
### **APPOMATTOX YOUNGLIFE**

**KEEP UP W/ ALL THE  
HAPPENINGS ON OUR SOCIAL  
MEDIA OUTLETS: INSTAGRAM  
(appoyl), SNAP CHAT,  
FACEBOOK (Appomattox  
YoungLife)**

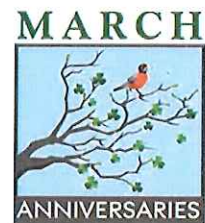




**Youth United** for middle and high school students meets at the church every Sunday from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. Call or text Tori Rothgeb at 434-664-7272 to be added to the text reminder list.









3 March .....	Chris Dillon
4 March .....	Kaitlyn Amos
4 March .....	Kelly Coles
4 March .....	Zach Dillon
4 March .....	Damon Patterson
5 March .....	River McDowell
6 March .....	Matthew Messner
9 March .....	Rena Baine
9 March .....	Blair Smith
12 March .....	Betsy Bowman
13 March .....	Ashley Scott
13 March .....	Jean Garrison
15 March .....	Dicky Lawson
16 March .....	Peggy Guill
17 March .....	Frances Rogers
17 March .....	Sarah Slayton
17 March .....	James Bohannon
19 March .....	Nate Dillon
20 March .....	Charlene Lawson
22 March .....	Trey Eggleston
23 March .....	Joel McCormick
24 March .....	Jonathan Bowman
24 March .....	Doreen Parsons
25 March .....	Gordon Baine
25 March .....	Kinckle Robinson
26 March .....	Sophia Romano
30 March .....	Debbie Gilliam



19 March. ....	Susan and Rick Book
19 March .....	Debra and Barry Jones
26 March .....	Jeanne and Jim Amos
31 March .....	Greg and Lisa Romano

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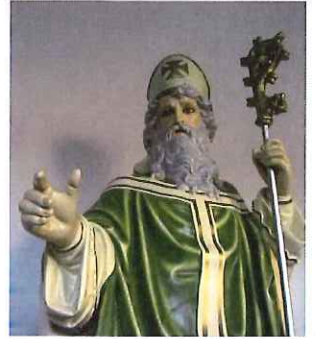
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		8:30-9:30 AM – Exercise Class, Legacy Hall	5:30 PM – Handbell Practice 7:30 PM – P & G Committee Meeting 6:45 – 8:00 PM – Sanctuary open for Prayer	8:30-9:30 AM – Exercise Class, Legacy Hall	 World Day of Prayer March 1, 2021	 Spring is around the corner
7 <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i> 9:30 AM – Inside Worship, Sanctuary 9:30 AM – Children's Sunday School, enter above Daycare Entrance. (Youth in service) 10:30 AM – Genesis Sunday School, Legacy Hall (all welcome)	8 7:00 PM – Prayer Time, Sanctuary	9 8:30-9:30 AM – Exercise Class, Legacy Hall 9:30-11:00 AM – Church Office Staff Meeting 6:30-8:30 PM – Celebrate Recovery	10 5:30 PM – Handbell Practice 7:00 PM – Worship Committee Meeting 6:45 – 8:00 PM – Sanctuary open for Prayer	11 8:30-9:30 AM – Exercise Class, Legacy Hall	12	13 DON'T FORGET TO SET CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR 
14 <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i> DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ♥ 9:30 AM – Inside Worship, Sanctuary 9:30 AM – Children & Youth Sunday School, enter above Daycare Entrance. 10:30 AM – Genesis Sunday School, Legacy Hall (all welcome)	15 6:00 PM - Finance Meeting	16 8:30-9:30 AM – Exercise Class, Legacy Hall 6:30-8:30 PM – Celebrate Recovery	17  HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY 5:30 PM – Handbell Practice 7:30 PM – Church Council 6:45 – 8:00 PM – Sanctuary open for Prayer	18 8:30-9:30 AM – Exercise Class, Legacy Hall 7:00 PM – Missions Committee Meeting	19	20 
21 <i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i> 9:30 AM – Inside Worship, Sanctuary 9:30 AM – Children's Sunday School, enter above Daycare Entrance. (Youth in service) 10:30 AM – Genesis Sunday School, Legacy Hall (all welcome)	22 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 7:00 PM – Prayer Time, Sanctuary	23 8:30-9:30 AM – Exercise Class, Legacy Hall 6:30-8:30 PM – Celebrate Recovery	24 5:30 PM – Handbell Practice 6:45 – 8:00 PM – Sanctuary open for Prayer	25 8:30-9:30 AM – Exercise Class, Legacy Hall	26	27
28  Palm Sunday 9:30 AM – Inside Worship 9:30 AM – Children & Youth Sunday School 10:30 AM – Genesis Sunday School, Legacy Hall (all welcome)	29 9:30 AM – <i>Newsletter Mailing Team</i>	30 8:30-9:30 AM – Exercise Class, Legacy Hall 6:30-8:30 PM – Celebrate Recovery	31 5:30 PM – Handbell Practice			



## St. Patrick

At the age of 16, Patrick was taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family's estate. They transported him to Ireland where he spent six years in captivity.

During this time, he worked as a shepherd, outdoors and away from people. Lonely and afraid, he turned to his religion for solace, becoming a devout Christian. (It is also believed that Patrick first began to dream of converting the Irish people to Christianity during his captivity.)



After more than six years as a prisoner, Patrick escaped. According to his writing, a voice—which he believed to be God's—spoke to him in a dream, telling him it was time to leave Ireland.

To do so, Patrick walked nearly 200 miles from County Mayo, where it is believed he was held, to the Irish coast. After escaping to Britain, Patrick reported that he experienced a second revelation—an angel in a dream tells him to return to Ireland as a missionary.

Soon after, Patrick began religious training, a course of study that lasted more than 15 years.

After his ordination as a priest, he was sent to Ireland with a dual mission: to minister to Christians already living in Ireland and to begin to convert the Irish.

St. Patrick Incorporated Irish Culture into Christian Lessons. Familiar with the Irish language and culture, Patrick chose to incorporate traditional ritual into his lessons of Christianity instead of attempting to eradicate native Irish beliefs. For instance, he used bonfires to celebrate Easter since the Irish were used to honoring their gods with fire. He also superimposed a sun, a powerful Irish symbol, onto the Christian cross to create what is now called a Celtic cross, so that veneration of the symbol would seem more natural to the Irish.

Although there were a small number of Christians on the island when Patrick arrived, most Irish practiced a nature-based pagan religion. The Irish culture centered around a rich tradition of oral legend and myth. When this is considered, it is no surprise that the story of Patrick's life became exaggerated over the centuries—spinning exciting tales to remember history has always been a part of the Irish way of life.





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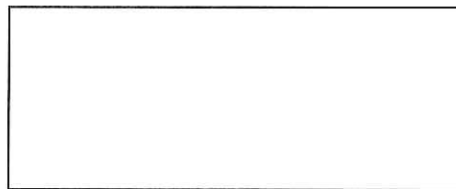
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**Sunday, in-person worship at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary.**

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