

COVID-19

Emergency Assistance

Has the COVID-19 Pandemic caused Financial Hardship
in your Household?

Do you Need Financial and Other Assistance?

Call the
Community Resource Hotline
for assistance
(434) 234-4490
Hours: 9am - 5pm

This Fund is not a federal public benefit and does not impact immigration status changes under the public charge rule.

Households in Charlottesville & the Counties of
Albemarle, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa,
Nelson & Orange are eligible

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**The trip to Staunton musical
dinner theater has been canceled.**

This Sunday's Rejected Hymns:

Gather us In
Close to Thee

Help is Available

Several people in the church have volunteered to help with picking up items from the pharmacy and grocery, and transportation to the doctor's office. Let the church office know if you have a need.

Crozet Market (Great Valu) offers curbside grocery service and home delivery. You can order online.

Proverbs 27:8-13

Like a bird that strays from the nest
is a man who strays from home.

Perfume and incense bring joy to
the heart, and the pleasantness of
one's friend springs from his
earnest counsel.

Do not forsake your friend and the
friend of your father, and do not go
to your brother's house when
disaster strikes you--better a
neighbor nearby than a brother far
away.

Be wise, my son, and bring joy to
my heart; then I can answer anyone
who treats me with contempt.

The prudent see danger and take
refuge, but the simple keep going
and suffer for it.

Take the garment of one who puts
up security for a stranger; hold it in
pledge if he does it for a wayward
woman.

Favorite Memes

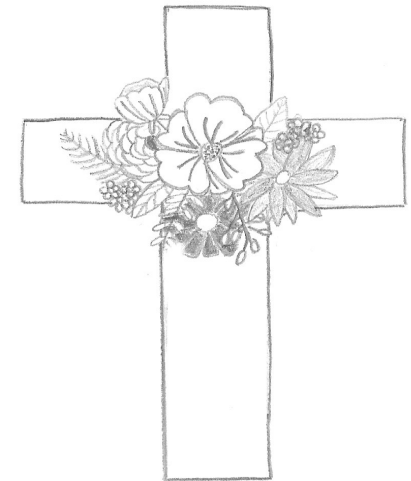
- Did you hear the joke about the corona? Nevermind, I don't want to spread it around.
- I'm starting to understand why my pets try to run out of the house when the door opens.

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PLAINLY SPEAKING

The
Mountain Plain Baptist Church
Newsletter
April 20 - May 3, 2020



Artwork by Grace Smith

**Faith grows best on
cloudy days.**

While Sunday services are paused, we hope this bi-monthly newsletter will be a reminder that you are missed and loved, and that we will get through this together as we trust in God.

DEACONS CORNER

Thanks go to Barbara and Sam for their work on the last two church newsletters. Thanks go to Jim Fox for his help in selecting scripture for the newsletter. Thanks go to Grace Smith for her art work in the last issue and the current issue. The work of each of you is appreciated and has been enjoyed.

The last deacons' meeting was held April 16, 2020, via a conference set up by A.J. The current deacon board (Scott Belew, Jim Fox, Douglas Hill, A.J. Smith, and Lloyd Willis) and Sam participated. The goal of each person in the church family having a deacon or pastor contact by phone, card, letter, or email once a week until services resume appears to be well received.

We plan to meet again on April 30, 2020, by conference call. If you have concerns that you feel the deacons should discuss, please contact one of us. — Lloyd Willis

Quarantine Cuisine

recipes from the back of the pantry

Spamwiches

- 1 can Spam, sliced 1/4"
- 1 can of biscuits
- American cheese
- 8 eggs

Fry Spam until golden-brown. Bake biscuits according to directions. Fry eggs. Assemble sandwiches with cheese and enjoy a foretaste of Heaven.

Pastor's Message

Something shocking happened to me the other day. I was walking down the street where I live and I ran into a neighbor and we began a conversation. And then later that day another unusual thing happened. I reached out to an old high school friend and we caught up on all that had happened in our lives in the decades since we had last spoken: college, careers, his wife's battle with cancer, the fact that we had both become Christians.

The most shocking thing of all was the realization that activities that used to be a part of my everyday life — like taking a walk, chatting with neighbors, and calling a friend — had at some point been squeezed out. It has taken a global pandemic to rediscover such good, simple things. I am reminded of a lesson I learned from my year teaching in Hungary. There, resources were scarce and students would tear up their notebook paper into little scraps just big enough to write their lesson on in tiny print, front and back. Being accustomed to double-spaced writing, front side only, this struck me as bizarre at first. But over time I came to see the wisdom of such frugality, and I became much more careful to avoid waste myself. Sadly however, it didn't take long after my return to the States to revert to my old double-spaced disregard for the careful conservation of resources.

Proverbs 26:11 tells us (in remarkably colorful vividness) "As a dog returns to its vomit, so fools repeat their folly." And so as we begin to see a light at the end of the lockdown/social distancing tunnel and hope for a return to normalcy in the not-too-distant future, I wonder how we can plan now to retain the good habits this otherwise miserable circumstance has forced on us.

Will I still make time for a daily walk through the neighborhood, creating an opportunity to talk with others? Will I still contact old friends without any excuse other than to just say hello? Will I retain my increased prayer time after the crisis has passed? Will I still prioritize relationships over to-do lists? Will I still value right now over tomorrow?

Dogs have their own way to avoid wastefulness. May we resolve now to not return to bad habits after this crisis.

WHO'S ZOOMIN' WHO?

Mountain Plain Sunday School is held every Sunday at 10:00am live on Zoom. To participate, go to the church website (mountainplain.org) and click on the "Zoom" tab. Then go to the bottom of the page and click on the date. Easy!



Weekday Bible study videos are posted on the Mountain Plain Facebook page.

Weekly audio sermons are posted on the church website.

Zoom Bingo! Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00 pm. Go to the church website for the Zoom link.



Birthdays:

- 4/23 Tyler Mahone
- 4/25 Michael Gauss
- 4/30 Thelose Hove

The church is providing self-addressed, stamped envelopes for your convenience should you choose to continue supporting Mountain Plain during these difficult times. Thank you for keeping the ministries of your church strong.