

Good News

April 10, 2020 - Special Edition

Live Streaming Worship!

We will be live streaming once again this Sabbath from our sister church, North Valley SDA Church! The Sabbath School Lesson discussion will start at 10:00 with the morning message starting at 11:00.

To join us for Sabbath School and worship, a little before 10:00 logon to YouTube and search for North Valley SDA Church, then click on the flame image. The 11:00 service will follow after the Sabbath School discussion. We have enjoyed hearing and seeing a little special music by our own Dr. Lee McLennan! Tune in this Sabbath to hear and see what is planned!

If anyone is still having trouble accessing our worship service on YouTube, please let us know and assistance will be provided.

Let's stay connected! Let's worship together!

Kids' News

Each Wednesday, Jennifer Dodge, leader of **Children's Ministries**, will produce and share a *Kids' News* segment. Click [HERE](#) to see this week's segment!



Financial Report

John Hodgkin, our church's Finance Committee Chairperson, reports that our members are faithfully returning their tithes and offerings during this time when we cannot meet together.

Thank you for remaining faithful to your commitment to follow God's command to support the mission and vision of His Church!



Children's Sabbath School

Our children will be enjoying seeing their friends and Sabbath School Teachers on Zoom each Sabbath morning starting at 9:30! Doesn't that sound like fun!

Jennifer Dodge reported that ten families joined in for Children's Sabbath School with singing, prayer time, devotions and more!

The Teens will have their Zoom Sabbath School starting at 10:30 each Sabbath as well!

If your children or teens would enjoy this type of Sabbath School, please contact Jennifer for the necessary link info!

Can You Sew?

We are looking for some folks that can help make some simple masks for us to give out to members of our community.

Some material has already been donated for this purpose and elastic has been ordered. We'd like to get working on this project as soon as we can to help do our part in helping our community.

Please contact Pastor Andrew or Carol Doudiken if you would be able to help cut, sew or distribute completed masks.

We want to be helping others in any way we can during these uncertain times!

Spread a little kindness!

One member wrote, "families and neighbors and communities coming together makes me hopeful."

Neighbors joined together to help clear some downed trees. Since they have extra, a local church is giving away toilet paper. Another church packed some bags with books, sanitizer, masks and gloves to give away. A mom handmade 20 masks to share with her daughter's co-workers. A neighbor heard about our free lunch pick up and made donations to the cause.

How are you spreading kindness? What can you do to inspire hope? Have you helped a neighbor or have they helped you? Help encourage and inspire us by letting us know! A little good news goes a long way!

Other items of interest . . .

Some areas of the church are receiving a **fresh coat of paint!** We want to take care of God's House even when we can't meet there together. It will look great when we can! Thank you, **Gregory Gooden!**

Karen Harman and Jason Scruggs got married! Congratulations, you love birds! Happy notes may be sent to 1256 Pittsville Road, Gretna, VA 24567.

The **Church Yard Sale** is scheduled for September 7-8. Donated items may be stored in the Robinson's garage until September. Just give **Mona Robinson** a call and she will open her garage! Large donated items like cars, boats, campers, etc., would be greatly appreciated! Please call **Judy Hodgkin** to discuss these donations.

Weed pulling can be a fun way a family can get some exercise together which we can still do as long as we keep our social distance. There are many weeds to be pulled or cut at our church! :)



Mark and Luzia Raleigh getting ready to make some home deliveries from the North Valley Church.

Lunch to Go!

Our **Fellowship Lunch Team** prepared 80 Lunches to Go for the members and friends of the Roanoke and North Valley SDA Churches on Sabbath, April 4! The lunches were available for curbside pickup or for home delivery to our seniors and to others who were not sure about leaving home.

Pictured are some of our lunch delivery folks. Also delivering on that beautiful Sabbath day were **Jennifer Dodge, Joyce Hurt and Lea McKenney.**

A special thank you to all those who helped make this a successful way to “touch” our members!



Peggy Chitwood getting ready to make some home deliveries from the Roanoke Church.



My Tribute in Memory of Bernice Burrows - 1929-2020

While I know that many of you knew Bernice Burrows who was a member of our congregation since she was baptized in 1950, I also know that many of you didn't know her. A Celebration of Life service in her memory has been postponed due to the COVID-19 mess; but that doesn't change my celebration for having known and loved my friend for more than 40 years! I'm sure others may have a different story to tell, but the following is about my relationship with my Hero of the Faith!

The first time I laid eyes on Bernice Burrows was when I walked into her classroom over 40 years ago!

My husband and I and our two young children were moving from Northern Virginia and we were checking out the schools before even looking for a house. First things first meant a good Christian school for our young son who was about to start kindergarten.

When I walked into Bernice's classroom that first time she was sitting in her favorite rocking chair with someone else's little kindergartener on her lap, rocking him and reading a story to her students. I knew right then and there that if my little boy was going to school then this was the woman I wanted for his teacher!

We went on then to look for a home, we moved to Roanoke and a friendship was forged that I cherish to this day!

Not only did Bernice help mother my children, she mothered me as well. I was away from all that was familiar including family and friends. She welcomed me to my new “family” and became a valued friend. She nurtured me, encouraged me and chastised me. She challenged me to make my faith and my beliefs my own! She cautioned me when necessary and cheered me on when I needed it!

I miss checking on her and her checking on me! I miss responding to her “demands” for one thing or another. I miss knowing that she cared about me, about my family and about so many other things that we each felt were important.

I miss my friend! Rest well. I will see you soon!

Love, Carol

Virtual Prayer Meeting

Virtual Prayer Meeting on Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7:00.

A meeting link will be emailed to you, or sent by text if you have signed up to receive texts from the church. Please join us for a mid-week time of prayer.

Love is in the Air!

Karen Harman and Jason Scruggs got married! That's right! Let's wish them well and pray for them as they make their life together.

If you would like to send congrats to the happy couple, you may do so at 1256 Pittsville Road, Gretna, VA 24557.

Happy Birthday this Week!

April 12 Samuel Clarke
 April 13 Kofi Amo-Mensah
 April 14 Mark Dillard
 April 17 Jean Minton
 April 17 Wanda Mitchell

Our prayer is that God will bless each of you as you celebrate another year of life!

Who should I contact?

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