

Good News

May 29, 2020 - Special Edition

Church at Home!

We continue to have Sabbath School discussion of the weekly Bible lesson with John Hodgkin and Patty McLennan live streamed on the [Roanoke SDA Church YouTube Channel](#) starting at 10:00 on Sabbath morning.

Dr. Ryan McLennan will bring a worship message for us entitled "Hold the Fort!" The service will be live streamed from the [Roanoke SDA Church YouTube Channel](#) starting at 11:00 on Sabbath morning. We will also be treated to a special Children's Story time!

Let's worship alone together until we can once again meet in God's House!

Please Pray with Us

We invite you to join us in prayer for the countless individuals around the world who are infected with COVID-19. Please pray for their families, neighbors and colleagues. Pray also for the healthcare workers assigned to care for the sick as well as the scientists who are searching for an effective vaccine.



Sabbath, June 6, is the first Sabbath of the month and our typical Fellowship Lunch Sabbath. Our Team will provide those returning to church on June 6 with a LUNCH TO GO to be enjoyed at home!

There will be a vegetarian and a vegan option including a delicious salad and a dessert treat.

Although we will be missing our families with children as they will continue to worship at home for a bit longer, we pray we will be worshipping with others of our friends and family on Sabbath, June 6, and that we will enjoy a Lunch To Go!



We will begin worshipping together in our church building next **Sabbath, June 6!**

We will maintain social distancing with no handshaking or hugging and lots of hand washing and hand sanitizing. Face coverings or masks are recommended and we will have some available for those who need them and want them.

If you or any member of your family are exhibiting any signs of illness, or have been exposed to a known case of COVID-19, please stay safe at home and tune in online.

The local and state authorities are recommending that families with children continue to worship safely at home for a while longer. The children will continue to enjoy Sabbath School time at 9:30 on ZOOM and joining in for the worship service at 11:15 on YouTube. Adults at home may choose to tune in to Adult Sabbath School starting at 9:30 on YouTube.

We will be making adjustments as necessary but we have every confidence that they Lord will bless us individually and our church as a whole!

First Reading

This notice takes the place of a First Reading that would typically be included in our weekly church bulletin if we were meeting regularly together in one location. The Second Reading will be included in our next weekly Special Edition of the *Good News*, and a vote will be taken our first Sabbath back together, June 6, 2020.

The Church Board recommends the **TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP** of **Beverly Scott** from the Paradise SDA Church to the Roanoke SDA Church.

Potomac Conference Virtual Town Hall Meeting Monday, June 1 @ 7:00

Town Hall Meetings take place around the Potomac Conference each year. This is a time that our conference president, vice presidents and officers present information on several different topics of interest to all Potomac members. It is also a time for members to bring questions and concerns to the administration.

We encourage all members to virtually attend this meeting and to share in the mission of what Jesus is doing in the Potomac Conference.

Information on how to connect to this meeting and other info regarding this Town Hall Meeting is available by logging on to the Conference website at www.pcsda.org/townhall.

For He
shall give His
angels
to charge
over you, to
keep you
in all
your ways.
Psalm 91:11

Bible Reading This Week

Week of May 30 - June 6
Isaiah 15 - 25

We will review the reading during the worship service.

Tithes and Offerings

Our secure online giving page can safely receive your tithes or offerings. Additionally, we continue to welcome your donations by mail. The church address is 4120 Challenger Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24012.

Virtual Prayer Meeting

Wednesday evenings @ 7:00
Watch for the ZOOM sign up info



Have you had just about enough? Is this COVID-19 mess getting the best of you? What is the antidote for the loneliness and despair you may be feeling?

You've heard the phrase "spread the love," right? Well, that's what we have to do! Let's get spreading the love to those who are available to be loved right now – including ourselves!

Pray each morning that God will show you someone to show love and mercy to that day. You may be surprised how your spirits lift when you are showing God's love to someone else with simple acts of kindness.

God's Word tells us in John 13:35, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

International Speaker Coming to Roanoke SDA!



Randy Skeete was invited about two years ago by our End Times Events Ministry Team to come speak at our church and the dates are now here!

Elder Randy Skeete will speak on **"Preparing the Soul"** beginning Friday, June 12 at 7:00.

His bold, dynamic presentations will continue on Sabbath morning, June 13, for Sabbath School and the Worship Service.

Lunch will be provided for those choosing to stay for his Sabbath afternoon presentation starting at 1:30.

Randy Skeete is the Campus Evangelist for the Center for Adventist Ministries to Public University Students (C.A.M.P.U.S.). It is a department of the Michigan Conference. Elder Skeete also has a supportive ministry of international evangelism that has taken him to all the inhabited continents. He is a graduate of Oakwood College (now University) and of the Theological Seminary at Andrews University.

Potomac Conference Constituency Meeting September 27, 2020

These meetings are an important part of the governance of our church within the Potomac Conference, Columbia Union and North American Division.

Delegates and alternate delegates will receive materials which will need to be reviewed prior to the meeting so they would have an opportunity to think, pray and receive counsel as necessary prior to the meeting. Two more alternate delegates are needed. Please see Pastor Andrew if you are interested in attending.

The Church Board has chosen the following individuals to represent our church:

Delegates:

1. Bonnie Brooks
2. Marc Buch
3. Oraleatha Clarke
4. Carol Doudiken
5. Lea McKenney
6. Susan Timmons

Alternate Delegates:

1. Patty McLennan

Here is a link to the Potomac Conference website giving what little info is available at this time: <https://www.pcsda.org/session/>.

Please keep all delegates and the entire meeting as a matter of prayer as our church moves forward doing God's work to further His Kingdom!

Blood Drive!

We had a great blood drive on May 23 with 38 donors. Several of our donors had never been to our church before so this was a perfect opportunity to help them feel welcome and comfortable.

The American Red Cross workers were able to collect 37 pints of blood for our second most successful drive since we started. Since each pint collected can help up to 3 individuals, our donations will be used to help a possible 111 individuals in crisis in our area!

While many of the donors missed the delicious smoothies, breakfast foods and quesadillas made-to-order, they enjoyed receiving *Chick-fil-A* gift cards instead!

A special THANK YOU to all those who served during the blood drive helping to make it a success. Our next drive will be Sabbath, August 22! It isn't too early to sign up to be a donor for the next drive! Just see Judy Hodgkin.



May God give you the strength and wisdom to smoothly surmount all the challenges life brings you. Stay blessed and enjoy your special day to the fullest!

- 30 Becky Doudiken
- 31 Frank Dovidio
- 31 Christopher Pleasants
- 31 Ren Robinson

If we miss your birthday, please let us know so we can celebrate with you!

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

With the continuous rise and spread of COVID-19, people are asking how to stay safe and asking if there are new protocols when attending worship services. Click this [LINK](#) to access the Potomac Conference website which will answer some of those questions.

Up-to-date information is a good solution for anxiety. Visit trustworthy websites for reliable information - a list of resources has been provided on the bottom of the page linked above.

During this time of uncertainty, trust God, and don't be anxious, get plenty of rest, eat healthfully and make conscious and thoughtful decisions about your health and the health of those around you.

Coming Soon!

- > June 1 Town Hall Meeting
- > June 6 Back to Church
- > June 6 Lunch to Go!
- > June 12-13 Randy Skeete

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