



Mathews Baptist Church's **GOOD NEWS GAZETTE**

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Hebrews 10:24-25: And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

A THANK YOU

BY PASTOR BRIAN KRAMER

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your loving concern with the passing of my father and our accident. Thank you for your prayers during this sad time. Thank also for your cards and messages of sympathy. Easter weekend was very busy, but I felt your support throughout the weekend. Thank you, deacons, for the peace plant in memory of my dad. Thank you, church family, for your prayers and encouragement as I conducted my father's funeral. And a special thank you for all involved last Sunday as the accident kept us from attending worship. First of all, I am so sorry for all who were planning on being baptized on Sunday. I felt horrible about having to postpone the baptism service, but I was in no condition to baptize all 15 candidates. Thanks to our church secretary Megan, for working out all the details for Sunday while we were standing on the roadside after the accident. Thanks to Dawn and Steve Miller for setting up the baptismal pool and emptying it. Thanks to Bill Nelson and Brett Pollard for providing a ride home after our car was towed off. Thanks to Cathy Rowe for tending to Abbie and Cole's dog who was waiting for us all evening to come home. Thanks to David Condon and the praise band for reworking the worship service. Thanks to Roy Ethington for spontaneously preaching Sunday morning (you did a great job!). Thanks to the audio-visual crew for putting the service online for us to worship at home. Thanks to Nikki Pollard for feeding us Sunday night. Thank you also to anyone I missed. What a wonderful church family! As the apostle Paul says, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." (Philippians 1:3)

In Christ Love,
Pastor Brian & Family

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Women's Missionary Union April 2025 Update



Speaker, Katie Givens



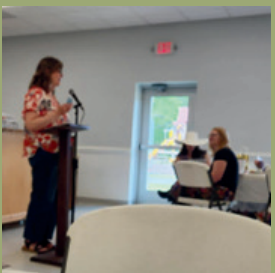
Karen, Danna & Tee



Karen & Danna



Attendees



Speaker, Ann Sych



Christy & part of the A-team

WMU's unwavering focus is making disciples of Jesus who live on mission. On April 26th at 10 am we held our second annual April Shower Brunch for CareNet. I think I can safely say that all attendees had a great time and learned a lot about the mission of CareNet. We started with a delicious brunch provided by our WMU members. Our thanks go out to Arnie Gustafson, Joe Hayes and Eric Fritzius for setting up and serving the food. Katie Givens was our first speaker. She shared her experiences working with CareNet in Richmond as a counselor for 10 years. It was very moving to think about the number of babies who are now small children thanks in part to her work. Then we had Danna Ingram lead us in singing "Because He Lives". Danna is the director of our Rhythm Band that sings every Tuesday morning at our local nursing home. We then heard from Anne Sych of CareNet who gave a very informative talk about the work of CareNet and Nikki Pollard gave a short talk about the Walk for Life and how we can take part and contribute. Ritamary Bruce lead us in a couple of very fun Baby Shower games. Rita was also our decorator for this event. Our thanks go out to them all. Another thank you goes out to Polly Hayes and Christy Brown who provided childcare for the morning.

We will continue to collect items for CareNet for a couple of weeks before we deliver all the wonderful items donated. When we have a date set we will send out the information so that anyone who would like to accompany us can come.

We also continue to sing at the Nursing Home on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am. It is a blessing to us who sing as much as it is for the residents of the home. We would love to have you join us! Please let us know if you plan to join us as occasionally, we are unable to visit because of health issues among the residents.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13th at 1 pm in the Welcome Center. We welcome all ages. We will be planning future projects including Christmas in July and visiting our home bound.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me, Donna Frantz, or our director Judy Lowe.

In Christ,
Donna Frantz

Annie Armstrong Mission Collection Update: For the 2025 collection year we ended up collecting \$4,643.97 of our \$5,000 goal. That's \$561.62 more than we did last year! Thank you to everyone who contributed to this important mission!



Eric & Joe



Arnie Gustafson



Ritamary & Linda



Judy & Donna



National Day of Prayer
is Thursday, May 1st.
Join us in the
Sanctuary at 9AM for a
time of prayer! All are
welcome.



If you are interested in praying for CareNet clients who
are facing difficult life decisions, the following service
is available and may be of interest to you...

Real-Time Prayer Support for CARE NET:

1. Go to www.LifePrayerPartner.com/CNP
2. Click the button to "Subscribe to Prayer Requests"
3. Enter your name & texting number in the fields
provided.
4. Click the box to subscribe to "All Prayer Requests"
5. Click the button to "Save Subscription"

Thank you so much for being there with us, as we
partner with Jesus to change hearts and save lives!

Pray for...

Our love and sympathy...

- To the family and friends of Kathy Diggs, who passed away
April 14th, 2025
- To Pastor Brian and his family at the passing of his father,
Bill Kramer, on April 17th, 2025
- To Gene & Pauline Sears and family at the passing of their
nephew, Tanner Sears.
- To Janet Bowman and family at the passing of her brother.

Please welcome...

- New members voted in at April Business meeting: Fallon
Diggs and pending baptism: Kyle Diggs, Caitlin Evans,
Heather Holland, Abigail Collins, London Denkingier,
Bennett Diggs, Ava Pollard, Zoe Sadler, Addison Waddell,
Benjamin Condon, James Givens and Abby Givens

Trail Life
Adventure > Character > Leadership
TROOP VA-1791
Upcoming Troop Events

August 4th Open House
September 8th First Troop Meeting

**We still have opportunities for anyone who would like to serve
in this ministry.**

**If you would like learn more or get involved please reach out to
David Condon 508-237-0735 or dcondon@atlanticbb.net.**



Child dedication day will
be held on Mother's Day,
Sunday, May 11th.

If you would like to
dedicate your child,
please contact the
church office as soon as
possible.

Thanks!



If you have a
college student
graduating this
year, be sure to
let us know so we
can recognize
them. Thanks!



Coming up...

8-9th - WMU Missions
Celebration

16th - Father's Day

16th-20th - CentriKid & FUGE
camps

21st - First day of Summer

30th - Scholarship
applications due

CHURCH ATTENDANCE - APRIL 2025

Date	9:00	10:00	11:00
04/06/2025	142	110	35
04/13/2025	171	136	16
04/20/2025	227	122	43
04/27/2025	160	104	25

Sunday Service Schedule

9:00 AM Contemporary Service (multipurpose building)
also available on Youtube via our Facebook page.
10:00 AM Sunday School (all ages)
11:00 AM Traditional Service (sanctuary)

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May 2025






BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Birthdays

1 Jason B. Miller, Caroline Spiers
3 David Lowe
6 Ali Haynes
7 Meg Royals
8 Colin Moore
12 Dawn Bradbury, Mark Denkinger,
Leandra Doane, Rebekah Bunn, Glenn
Smith

Counting Committee for May:
Mickey & Glenda Ramer
Counting Committee for June:
Larry & Alice Stewart

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Counting Committee for May: Mickey & Glenda Ramer Counting Committee for June: Larry & Alice Stewart				9AM - Prayer 1 Time in Sanctuary 	2	9AM - Grace 3 Marriage
4 11:15 Centrikid Parent Meeting	5 6PM - Exercise Class	6 1PM WMU Meeting	7	8 6PM - Exercise Class	9	10 CareNet Walk4Life 
11  HAPPY Mother's DAY	12 6PM - Exercise Class	13	14	15 6PM - Exercise Class	16	17 8AM - Men's Breakfast
18 Graduate Recognition Service 	19 6PM - Exercise Class	20	21	22 6PM - Exercise Class	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24
25	26  MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	27	28	29	30	31

9:00 Nursery Schedule (babies):

(5/4) Nancy Paitt, Glenda Ramer, Elizabeth Moore
(5/11) Katie Givens, Fallon Diggs, Hailey Denkinger
(5/18) Katie Haywood, Bev Barefoot, Mary Beth Johnson
(5/25) Joy Lowe, Stephanie Lowe, Stella Johnson

9:00 Nursery Schedule (toddlers):

(5/4) Tommy Waddell, Amanda Kemp
(5/11) Steve Taylor, Nikki Pollard
(5/18) Bri Sadler, Pam Harrington
(5/25) Nikki Spiers, Sherin Stewart

Anniversaries

14 David & Cathy Rowe
20 Dan & Cathie Wahlers
28 Ron & Tee Mallon

If your name is not listed above & you had a birthday or anniversary this month, please call the church office.