

**SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE:**  
 \*Contemporary Worship services are available online on Youtube.com via our Facebook page. Traditional service available on CD (audio only).  
**9:00 AM Contemporary Service**  
**10:00 AM Sunday School (all ages)**  
**11:00 AM Traditional Service**

**May 2023**

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**MAY 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
- 13 Phyllis Eborn
- 14 Paul Collier, Pat McBurney
- 17 Homer Smith, Jim Travnski
- 19 Sophie Beckley, Bonnie Kramer
- 21 Michelle Denkinger, Sue Garrett, Renee Neiman
- 22 Gloria Travnski, Dusty Moore
- 23 Wayne Blake
- 24 London Denkinger
- 26 Mary Beth Johnson, Nancy Patt, Ed Shull
- 27 Katie Givens
- 28 Jessi Nelson
- 29 Brett Pollard
- 30 Benjamin Condon

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 6 Archie & Marilyn Owens
- 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 (725-3707). Thanks!*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7 Senior Adult Day 6PM Q24 "No Greater Love Tour" @Williams Wharf	1 FUGE payment due 6 PM Exercise	2 6:30 PM Bible Study	3	4 6 PM Exercise 	5	6 9AM-4PM May Faire 6 PM Youth Game & Dinner night
14	8 6 PM Exercise	9 1 PM WMU mtg. 6:30 PM Bible Study	10	11 6 PM Exercise	12	13 9:30 AM Care-Net Walk4Life
21 9 AM Youth led worship 12 Noon Church picnic WEEK	15 6 PM Exercise 7 PM Prayer Gathering @Conrotoman BC	16 6:30 PM Bible Study	17	18 6 PM Exercise	19	20
28	22 6 PM Exercise OF	23 6:30 PM Bible Study PRAYER	24	25 6 PM Exercise MTBA	MAY 21-28	27
	29 6 PM Exercise	30 9AM Kinship Club meeting 6:30 PM Bible Study	31			

**Counting committee for May:**  
—Judy, Joy & Stephanie Lowe

**Counting committee for June:**  
—Alice & Larry Stewart

**9:00 Nursery Schedule:**  
 7 - Pat Taylor/Megan Waddell/Addy Lowe  
 14 - Delena Nelson/Cathy Nelson/Mary Beth Johnson  
 21 - Nikki Pollard/Hailey Denkinger  
 28 - Pam Harrington/Alice Stewart



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## “The Lighthouse”



**MAY 2023**

**SPECIAL DATES**

- ◆ 4<sup>th</sup> Nat'l Day of Prayer
- ◆ 6<sup>th</sup> May Faire
- ◆ 7<sup>th</sup> Senior Adult Day & Q24 Event
- ◆ 13<sup>th</sup> Care Net Walk4Life
- ◆ 14<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day
- ◆ 21<sup>st</sup> Church Picnic
- ◆ 21<sup>st</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> MTBA Week of Prayer
- ◆ 29<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day

Mothers, raising children is not easy! Even raising a perfect child was not easy. Think about what Mary, the mother of Jesus, went through. First, she was pregnant by the Holy Spirit before she was married. (Matthew 1:18) Imagine the talk around town. Her fiancé was going to end the relationship until an angel intervened. (Matthew 1:19-20) Because of overbooking in Bethlehem, Mary gave birth to Jesus in a barn. (Luke 2:7) Giving birth is bad enough, but imagine in a barn. Later, Mary and Joseph had to leave the country with baby Jesus when His life was threatened by the bully Herod. (Matthew 2:14) Mothers will do anything to protect their children. At the baby dedication, the priest told Mary that because of Jesus, “a sword will pierce through your own soul.” (Luke 1:35) I am not

sure if she knew what that meant, but it didn't sound good. On a trip to Jerusalem, she and Joseph lost Jesus for three days. Three days! (Luke 1:43-46) When they finally found Him and explained how worried they were, their preteen answered in what seemed like a rather rude way. “Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?” (Luke 1:49) One day, at a wedding, the host ran out of wine, so Mary asked her adult son for help. His first response sounded sarcastic. “Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.” (John 2:4) If I had said that to my mom, I think I would have been slapped. But Jesus went ahead and obeyed her. (John 2:6-8) Another time, Mary and her other sons came to see Jesus while he was teaching. When He was told they

were there to see Him, He responded by acting as if He didn't know them. “Who is My mother and who are My brothers?” (Matthew 12:48) He went on to say that those who do the will of the Father are his mothers and brothers. (Matthew 12:50) The hardest part of being Jesus' Mother was watching her innocent son die as a criminal. She stood at the foot of His cross. (John 19:25) It is not easy being a mother, even if you are raising the perfect child. Mothers, thanks for all you do! Keep up the good work! Have a Happy Mother's Day!

Faithfully yours,  
Pastor Brian



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Senior adult day is Sunday, May 7, 2023! Show them you care!



Application packets for our College Scholarship are available in the welcome center. Be sure to log in when you pick up your packet.

Completed applications are due back NO LATER THAN Thurs., June 30, 2023. Late applications will NOT be accepted. Questions should be directed to Phil Putnam, Trustee (804-815-3564).

CHURCH PICNIC! Sunday, May 21 @ 12 Noon immediately following 11am service. Fried Chicken will be provided. Please bring your favorite side and/or dessert to share! Tables will be set up inside and outside (weather permitting). Come hungry and ready for a fun afternoon of fellowship!

Q24 NO GREATER LOVE TOUR. COME AND JOIN US! Sunday, May 7th 6:00 PM Williams Wharf. Bring a lawn chair! Food by On the Flip Side food truck. Message by Tucker LaForce. MUSIC BY: PRESS ON, LYNDA SMITH, AND THE Q24 WORSHIP TEAM.

walk 4 LIFE care net PENINSULA. 05.13.23 @ NEWPORT NEWS PARK! 8:30 AM Registration 9:30 AM Event Kick-Off. TO REGISTER & RAISE FUNDS FOR THE MISSION VISIT PENINSULAWALK4LIFE.ORG



The Friends in Christ Class is going to meet at church on Thursday, May 4, 2023 @9:00 am. All are invited to come join them in praying for: the church, schools, community, families, 1st responders, etc. Please call the church office if you have any questions, 804.725.3707.

Mission News

Didn't April fly by! Here we are in May...a new month to continue ministering in God's name.

More donations of canned and dry goods have been delivered to Hands Across Mathews. There is an ongoing need here in our community and they are very grateful for the support.

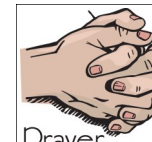
We meet every 2nd Tuesday at 1:00 PM in the welcome area for our monthly WMU meeting. We would love to have you join us!

Also, every Tuesday morning, we meet at the nursing home here in Mathews from 10:30-11:30 and sing old songs and hymns. The residents join in and we have a great time. Pastor Brian joins us quite often; so, you men, come and join our group.

On Saturday, April 30, the MTBA WMU Spring meeting was held at Saluda Baptist Church. It was brought up at the meeting that there are scholarships available for Camp Piankank and Camp Little Crossroads. Please contact us and we can get more details for you.

As of April 30, we have collected \$4,727.50 towards our goal of \$5,000.00 for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

We have had a bittersweet time recently with the passing of Mrs. Virginia Lewis. Ms. Virginia was our oldest WMU member. We miss her dear-



Prayer Requests

Please pray for...

- † Bill Milby & Scott Johnson both recovering from back surgery.
† Eddie Heath who is home recovering from heart bypass surgery.
† Debi Downs recovering from double pneumonia

- † The May Faire Event on May 6.
† Steve Taylor dealing with back pain.

Our love & sympathy go out to the family & friends of...

- † Tammy Johnson & Marie Croxton at the passing of their father on April 17.

- † Virginia Lewis who passed on Sun., Apr. 2.
† Victor Miller who passed away on Fri., Mar. 31

Praise God for...

- † Mothers!

Long Term Care... Doris Clements

(Commonwealth Sr. Living); Ed Haufler (Mathews); Mildred Lockwood (Harmony on the Peninsula)

Homebound:

- † Julie Harvell, Mildred Hudgins, Archie/Marilyn Owens, Jim/Gloria Travenski

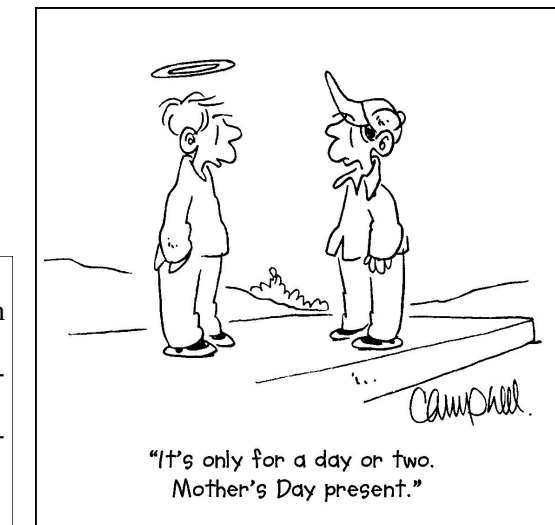
Long Term Illness/condition...

- † William Scott Smith † Cathie Wahlers
† Sherry Inabinet † Mathews High School
† Raymond Harris † Leonard Downs, Jr.

ly, but rejoice that she is in the presence of her Savior.

May God bless us as we continue to serve.

Donna Frantz & Judy Lowe
WMU Directors



Church Attendance-April 2023

Table with 4 columns: Date, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00. Rows show attendance for dates 04/02/23 through 04/30/23.

- † Pauline Barrick † Don/Christy Talbott
† Derek Zwiers † Kathy Diggs
† Billy Bodurtha † Timmy Forrest
† Homer Smith † Daniel West
† Liam (Neiman's 6 yr. old cousin) †
† The Ramer's son & daughter-in-law †
† James Waddell

Our Church Families' Missionaries...

- † Susan & Mike Mangerchine, (Navigators)

Franklin Graham's "God Loves You" Tidewater Tour:

Date: Sat., May 6
Time: 6:30PM
Venue: Atlantic Union Bank Pavilion
Address: 16 Crawford Circle Portsmouth, VA 23704

Parking Information:
https://www.pavilionconcerts.com/directions

The God Loves You Tidewater Tour is coming to the Hampton Roads region to give the lost an opportunity to know Jesus and encourage believers in their faith. The free evening will feature a message of hope from Franklin Graham and music by Newsboys and Marcos Witt.

Coming in June:

4th: High School Senior Recognition

18th: Father's Day

21st: 1st day of Summer

26th-July 1 FUGE

27th TRIAD Health/Safety Fair

30th: Scholarship applications due