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## From Rev. Rob Watkins:

What a strangely unsettled time in which we live.

No one could have imagined at this time last year that we would be dealing with all we deal with this summer.

A truism is that we cannot really plan much further than a week or so as the pandemic continues to blossom all around us. Normally, we would be thinking about fall programming and enjoying midsummer breaks from the usual hustle and bustle. But this is not normal. For some, the hustle and bustle slowed to nothing back in April. For others, trying to get some coherent plan for the fall just seems plain out of reach at the moment.

At church, we are adjusting and adapting as the situation allows us. Worship is going to be a mix of outdoor and online offerings for the time to come. Classes are going to be online. Some small groups will find ways to meet outside. Committees will continue to meet online, as will our officers. It means folks will continue to have to keep aware of announcements and updates as they come to see what is meeting, how it is meeting, and where it is meeting.

It also means that we are going to need to pay attention to the financial needs of the church in new and unique ways. We are so grateful for all who are mailing in contributions, setting up regular bank transactions to support our work, and are experimenting with online giving. But the truth is that absence is working against our ability to keep up. Please remember that our staff is still working hard, programs are still happening, and that even outdoor worship comes with an expense list. Bills still need paying, just like at home. Please help as you are able, it is gratefully appreciated, and it keeps us able to keep being church in an altered world.

The Apostle Paul wrote—

*Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. And in fact, you do love all of God's family...Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more...*

The Apostle knew all too well how hard it is to be church in a difficult and ever-changing moment, yet he also knew that the love that formed the foundation of the Church would be the very thing to see it through to the other side. That is still and will always be true. Our love for one another will hold us together and get us to the next day, whatever that day may be or bring.



## Special Prayer

Elizabeth King	Warner Marshall	Charley Moon	Carl Hatton
Ann Brown	Kenneth Helms	Reese Untz	Ruby Downing
Fred Treadway	BJ Knox	Caroline Williams	Carlita Hunter
Deane Davis	Frank Cartner	Barbara Krady	Lucy McLaughlin
Dennis McCrary	Doris DeArmon	Johnny Craver	Vance Reid
Sylvia Buchanan, sister of Debbie Killian		Bernice Martin	
Barry Hinson, brother in law of Perry Deaton		Cathee Griffin, sister of Kim Helms	
Bill Marcus, brother of Jean Thomas			

We pray for national and world leaders, the men and women who are serving in the Armed Forces, their families, and those who are deployed:

Col. Cristina Moore - LTC Rob Byars - Austin Powers (Nat. Guard) -  
Major Trevor Sutherland (Air Nat. Guard) - STG2 Hunter Holland - Master SGT Rick Treadway  
- SGT Malcolm Allen - LTjG Morgan Whitmore and Lt. Alex Busch

## Sunday School Opportunities

### PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY

Sanctuary Building, Downstairs

Nursery  
Ages 2,3,4 & 5  
Grades 1st & 2nd  
3rd & 4th

### PRE-TEENS & TEENS

Activity Building

Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8  
High School (9-12)

### ADULTS

Education Building

Morrison Class  
Spencer Class  
**Activity Building**  
Baucom/Craig Class  
Garrison-Martin Class  
Listening to Your Life  
New Life

### MAY STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Sunday School	\$0
Worship Offering	\$17,080.00
Online Giving	\$12,708.00
<b>TOTAL Offering</b>	<b>\$29,788.00</b>
Total Offering YTD	\$202,953.22
Total Expenses YTD	\$273,188.38
Under for Year	\$70,235.16

Just a little note to say- Thank you so much for all of your prayers, love and support during this past year! We appreciate all you have done for us and continue to do for us!

Thanks a Bunch!

Love, Dwayne and Debbie Martin

## Pastor Alison's Care Corner

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No time is a good time to be lonely. And yet these days of having to stay apart from one another add an additional layer of loneliness for those who are already lonely. And even those of us who do not typically feel lonely might very well feel lonely these days.

We need other people. We need to be around and in the company of others. We are made that way. We're wired for relationships.

Now it's true that some of us are just more comfortable than others when it comes to spending time alone. To some degree, I think this boils down to whether we are introverted or extroverted. Introverts get their energy from time alone and absolutely have to have time alone in order to be able to recharge. Extroverts get their energy from being around others. Our son is extroverted, and he has found this time of working from home and being unable to gather with friends to be extremely difficult. He has shared with us that he has experienced some depression during the pandemic.

But I think that there's another reason why loneliness may be striking some of us more than others, and it has to do with how much of an inner life a person has developed. An inner life refers to that part of us that is not visible to others. An inner life has nothing to do with the physical part of us that others see. Our inner world is where we retreat to examine our dreams, our hopes, our longings. To have developed a rich inner life is to have spent considerable time reflecting and getting to know oneself. Those who have a rich inner life are those who, to some degree, may be in a better position to weather the storm of this pandemic, or at least to weather it with less angst.

Within each of us is the capacity to develop a vibrant and lively inner life. My sense, however, is that many of us shy away from deepening ourselves with within. Maybe we've never even considered the value of reflection. Maybe our parents never encouraged us to take the time to get to know ourselves. Or perhaps we fear slowing down long enough to look inside for fear of what we might find. It's never too late to begin the journey of looking inside and discovering the richness that is there.

Our spirituality takes place largely in our inner lives because it is there that we commune with God and with the ultimate mystery that is God. A good place to start is in setting aside time every day for quiet: no tv, no radio, no phone, no books or magazines. Just quiet. Start out with 5 minutes of quiet, and increase the time as you are comfortable. I suspect that you will find that you are nourished because of it.



At MCPC Preschool, plans are underway for the 2020-2021 school year. Regardless of what the governor mandates, we will have plans in place for a successful, safe, and HEALTHY school year. Please register today by emailing [kristym@mallardcreekchurch.org](mailto:kristym@mallardcreekchurch.org).

**Kerri Miner, Preschool Director and Kristy Maddux, Assistant Director**

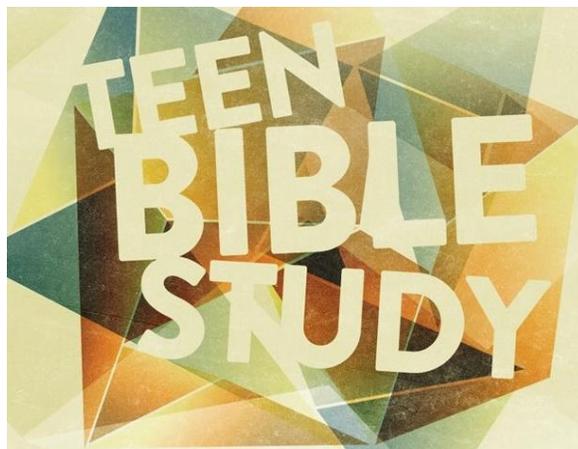
June was a busy month despite COVID 19, we celebrated our seniors, had a drive thru communion and our first outdoor service!



## Youth Club and Teen Fellowship

Hello everyone!

This July is going to look a lot different than any other July at Mallard Creek for our teens and kids. Unfortunately, we will not spend the month at camps, conferences, and mission trips. But that doesn't mean we can't be together. Make sure to check your email and our Remind app for up-to-date info on summer activities!



Our summer study on Teens in the Bible continues – **July 8<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**



**Stay tuned for details regarding events in place of Montreat conferences!**



Stay tuned for details regarding a family hike/park day if it is safe to do so!

Thanks to everyone who joined us for our special online events in June – we had so much fun for Graduation Sunday, our summer kickoff Bingo party, teens Bible study series, and Spelling Bee night! It was a great blessing to see you all at the Outdoor Worship service too – I hope we get to see each other outdoors more soon! 😊

Blessings, Andrea

# Summer Updates

July 1, 2020

	Activity	Pray for:
<b>Monday 7/6</b>	Kids Bible Study and Craft Event on Zoom	Healthcare Workers & First Responders
<b>Tuesday 7/7</b>	Clean up your neighborhood!	Overseas and Domestic Missionaries
<b>Wednesday 7/8</b>	Teens Bible Study and Discussion on Zoom	Government Employees & Lawmakers
<b>Thursday 7/9</b>	Vegetarian Day	Pastors & Church Workers
<b>Friday 7/10</b>	Donate Day	Social Activists, Crisis Workers, Lobbyists, & Non-Profit Organizations

## Details:

- ¥ Each day will have an activity to participate in and a specific group of people to pray for. I encourage families to have a family time each day in which they participate in the activity, talk about the role in our society of those we are praying for, and pray together as a family.
- ¥ **Monday and Wednesday** will be Bible studies focused on love and mercy with Andrea on Zoom (Monday for kids, Wednesday for teens).
- ¥ **Tuesday:** Take a walk around your neighborhood and pick up litter. Begin recycling if you don't already. Talk about the importance of protecting our earth.
- ¥ **Thursday:** Many of the prophets in the Bible were vegetarians, and going vegetarian is an important part of tackling many of our societal issues today! Practice this for one day by eating only vegetarian meals today.
- ¥ **Friday:** Choose from this list of the many organizations in our area that are doing amazing mission work and donate whatever amount you can to them (or choose your own organization to donate to). Even have your kids donate a few dollars from their allowance or savings!
  - ¥ Camp Grier (donate button at bottom) <https://www.campgrier.org/>
  - ¥ Urban Ministries Charlotte <https://www.urbanministrycenter.org/helping-the-homeless/ways-you-can-help/donate/financial-giving/>
  - ¥ CVAN <https://www.cvan.org/DonateNow.aspx>
  - ¥ Alexander Youth Network <https://alexanderyouth.wpengine.com/donate/>
  - ¥ Presbyterian Mission Agency <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/102/>

# Session Highlights

1. Approved an in-person Worship Experience at the Community House for June 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. We will gather under and around the covered seating area. Folks will bring their own portable seats; however, community house chairs will be available for those who can't provide or carry their own. Social distancing requirements will be adhered to and masks will be required. There will be ample parking, restrooms available, and plenty of room to spread out. The experience will potentially be supplemented via Facebook Live. Pastor Watkins will facilitate.
2. Session recommends that the church office remain closed and that staff continue to work remotely
  - a. The church facility will remain closed for all gatherings and in-person meetings.
  - b. Meetings should continue virtually
3. Reminder that the MCPC Assistance Fund is available for members and non-members who may be in need
4. Reminder of on-line offerings and traditional offering (via US Mail) during the time of limited in-person worship activity
5. Approved \$2,500 donation to Sharon Towers, to be funded via the church's undesignated benevolence fund.
6. The cemetery committee would like to thank James Killian, Craven Oehler, Tommy Oehler, Larry Oehler, Joe Oehler, Ned Baker and Donnie Oehler for removing a large downed Oak tree after recent storm damage
7. Approved an Eagle Scout project at the Community House. The project will be to redo the stairs and add a ramp at the double door entry of the Community house building
8. Approved the Boy Scouts can use the outside area of Community House property for meetings over the summer. Adults are to be the only ones to enter the buildings and cleaning/sanitation practices are to be adhered to
9. May Financials Report
  - a. May 2020 collections were \$11,868.95 LESS than May 2019
  - b. YTD 2020 collections were \$31,547.79 LESS than YTD 2019
  - c. May 2020 collections were \$13,369.16 LESS than May expenses
  - d. YTD 2020 collections were \$70,235.16 LESS than YTD expenses
  - e. Capital campaign collected to date is \$1,903,152.79
  - f. January thru May 2020 collections have averaged \$40,590 per month
  - g. To pay our 2020 budget we need to average \$62,628 per month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <h1 style="color: blue;">August Birthdays</h1> 						
						1 Harry Kirk, Sr. Gary Rose Sophia Lemon
2	3 Ken Christenbury Carl Spradley	4	5 Trevor Barrett	6 Bobby Bost Janet Hunter Tracy Tucker Johnathan Kiser	7 Dave Good Tammy Sheehan Sharon Kimrey Katelyn Brandon	8 Lois Treadway Mark Johnson Bradley Gulley
9 Jean Thomas Perry Quattlebaum	10 Clyde Benfield Monie Alexander Bingham Dixon	11 Tom Fassett Kim Beall Riley Ashley	12 Bobby Benton	13 Zoey Garrison Grey Hansen	14 Bob Oehler Brandon Jones Stephen Lisi Katelyn Kiser Clara Messina	15 Lynette Gullede
16 David Stephens	17 Michelle Lemon	18 Ben Buchanan	19	20 Dale McLaughlin Tonia English Kolton Kiser Lucas Orlovsky Camryn Powell	21 Carolyn Sheehan Steve Johnston	22 Sylvia Snyder Grace Ann Oehler Leigh Love Cristina Moore Saxon McElveen
23 Polly Walker Frank Cartner Virginia Halter	24 Tom Fuller Joey Brown Owen Stiffel	25 Beverly McLaughlin	26 Fred Treadway Susie Oehler	27 Joe Oehler Perry Deaton Tobias Wescott	28 Mary McCraw	29 Tommy Oehler Barbara Oehler Joey Crapster
30 Haiden Gullede	31 James Crenshaw					



July 1, 2020

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"Growing disciples of Jesus Christ who bear much fruit."

Sunday Services 8:30 & 10:30 am

**The Rev. Rob Watkins**  
**The Rev. Alison Messick-Watkins**  
**Mrs. Andrea Thomas**  
**Mr. David Barnaba**  
**Mrs. Kerri Miner**  
**Mrs. Cathy Marlor**  
**Mrs. Shawn Watkins**

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