

McAllister Messenger

September 27, 2020

WORSHIP REOPENING ON OCTOBER 4

It is official! At its meeting last Sunday, the Session decided to reopen worship at McAllister Church on Sunday, October 4. We are so excited to be getting back to in-person services and to be able to see many of you again. It has been so long since we could gather together!

The following guidelines and requirements will be in place as we reopen:

- 1) Masks will be required of all worship attendees. If you do not have a mask, we will have some on hand to provide you with one.
- 2) Please enter the sanctuary and leave through the double doors by the narthex, or through the doors by the office. Other than the restrooms, please do not go into any other parts of the building.
- 3) There will be hand sanitizing stations in the narthex and by the office. Please sanitize while entering and exiting the building.
- 4) Seating will be done according to social distancing requirements. Please sit where one of our ushers indicates for you to sit. Couples and families who live together will be allowed to sit together.
- 5) There will be no hymn singing or choir – but we will have a handbell trio performing.
- 6) We will not pass offering plates. Instead, there will be baskets at the narthex where you can place your donation on the way in or out.
- 7) We will have a modified form of Communion. Rev. Moss will do the liturgy for Communion and the Words of Institution, but we will not partake of the elements in the sanctuary. We will have Communion packets available for people to take and partake of at home.
- 8) There will be no physical contact before, during, or after the service. Please refrain from hugging or shaking hands.
- 9) After the completion of the service, Pastor Jim will dismiss the congregation row by row. Please do not leave your pew until you are directed to do so.
- 10) The pews and all other hard surfaces will be disinfected each week between services.

We understand that these restrictions will make worship a much different experience than we are used to. We ask for your patience and forbearance. This is new and different for all of us, and we want to make sure our worship is done in a safe and responsible way.

We also understand that some folks will not feel comfortable coming back to church at this time. This is OK. We will continue to broadcast the services on Facebook Live for those who feel more comfortable staying home.

We look forward to seeing folks back at church!

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Livestreaming Worship

While we've been away from in-person worship, the Witness and Evangelism Committee has been working on a project that will boost our witness once we return to the sanctuary. They have been putting together the pieces to livestream our worship service each Sunday.

Led by Andy Dreszer, they have purchased a special camera and the needed accessories. They are also having a dedicated Internet line put in. We appreciate all the hard work they have been doing to make this new ministry possible.

Once we start livestreaming, it will be possible that there will be shots of the congregation that get on camera. If for whatever reason you do not wish to be on camera, please let us know and we can make sure that you are in a seat that is not shown.

In addition to the livestream, Rev. Moss has taken a webinar on how to run Facebook ads and to use them to invite people to watch our livestream broadcast. He will be employing what he has learned, which will hopefully lead to new people eventually attending our church. Let us give thanks to God for the new and exciting things that are emerging in our church during this time of pandemic.

McAllister Church extends sympathy to the family and friends of:

Alice May Taylor Howard ~ sister of Jerry Taylor

Edna Collins Walker Buffaloe ~ member, died at her home on Saturday, September 19. Her funeral service was held on Monday, September 21, 2020.

LECTIONARY

September 27	October 4
<i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Exodus 17:1-7	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16	Psalm 19
Philippians 2:1-13	Philippians 3: 4b-14
Matthew 21:23-32	Matthew 21: 33-46

Members	Leslie Downer Priscilla Downer Sonya Milton B. R. Rupert Natalie Sponaugle Madeline Wimer	Jean Casey Terry Coffman Doris Mottern Carolyn Waugh Gary Whitehead Louise Whitehead	Anita Boone Luke Crawford Lee Fadley Dwain Tyree Martha Wilhelm Buddy Young	Linda Bogar Debi Leitch Frankie Marshall Patsy Parker Teresa Powell Brenda Walker
	Eugene Gilbert Tom Greenwood Shana Hotzapolous Tommy & Diane Smith Meredith Wynn Family	Randy Anderson Andy Casey Pat Eads Randy Gilbert Pat & Dottie Shumaker	ReRe Bryant Jace Cantrell Connie Holloway George Leitch Justin Nicely	<i>Students/Teachers</i> <i>Covid—19 Patients</i> <i>Essential Workers</i> <i>Healthcare Workers</i> <i>Non Believers</i> <i>President Trump</i> <i>Prisoners</i>
Hospice	Carl "Pete" Irvine	Deaths	Edna Collins Walker Buffaloe Alice May Taylor Howard Mary Landis Turner	Jim Beaudette Lena Elmore Gary Stone
	Tillie Agnor Roger Akers Doc Altizer Jan Armentrout Grayson Asboth Sherry Ayers Erskine Back Miki Ballengee Bob & Leta Bartley Steve Bennett Becky Bowers Jean Broughman Doris Burley Emily Byer Lee Cabaniss Elwood Cadd Jean & Harry Casey Betsy Caul		Junior Clark Minnie Clark Sandra Clemmons Kenzie Cline Ricky Cooke Harold Craft Steven Craft Randell Dille Joy Dodson Corky Downer Kaylee Elmore Joyce Emerson Lee & Lelia Fadley Jim & Barbara Flint Marshall/Donna Fox Betty Gibson Eddie Gibson Robert/Gail Gibson	Evan Groves Don Hampton Jennifer Hannah Richard/Cora Hastings Danny/Rhoda Hill James Hoover Neil Horn Becky Hunter Charlie Jeffries Wendell/Judy Jones Susan Kennedy Susan Lindstrom David/Phyllis Lynn Pearl Miller Patty Nicely Travis O'Rourke Denise Pillow Billy Powell
BRIAN CENTER—Bill Lockhart, Bonnie Patterson, Ruby Stull, Louise Whitehead			MILITARY Kristen Bennett, Richard Bray, Kristopher Hoffman Ryan Pritts, Chris Whitehead, MISSIONARIES Tom & Judy Harvey	
VIRGINIA VETERANS CARE CENTER—Charles P. Hall, Roy Reynolds				
SCOTT HILL—Norma Leech, Sara Mays, Mary Whitehead				
SHUT-IN—Joyce Bartley, Hallie Dressler, Shirley Ferris, Ethel Hayslett, Sadie Landis, Eddie Williams				

Unfolding Of A Rose

A young, new preacher was walking with an older, more seasoned preacher in the garden one day and feeling a bit insecure about what God had for him to do, he was inquiring of the older preacher. The older preacher walked up to a rosebush and handed the young preacher a rosebud and told him to open it without tearing off any petals.

The young preacher looked in disbelief at the older preacher and was trying to figure out what a rosebud could possibly have to do with his wanting to know the WILL OF GOD for his life and for his ministry.

Because of his high respect for the older preacher, he proceeded to TRY to unfold the rose, while keeping every petal intact... It wasn't long before he realized how impossible it was to do so.

Noticing the younger preacher's inability to unfold the rosebud while keeping it intact, the older preacher began to recite the following poem...

UNFOLDING THE ROSEBUD

It is only a tiny rosebud,
A flower of God's design;
But I cannot unfold the petals
With these clumsy hands of mine.

The secret of unfolding flowers
Is not known to such as I.
GOD opens this flower so sweetly,
When in my hands they fade and die.

If I cannot unfold a rosebud,
This flower of God's design,
Then how can I think I have wisdom
To unfold this life of mine?

So I'll trust in Him for His leading
Each moment of every day.
I will look to Him for His guidance
Each step of the pilgrim way.

The pathway that lies before me,
Only my Heavenly Father knows.
I'll trust Him to unfold the moments,
Just as He unfolds the rose.

[Author Unknown -- from Chaplain 777
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Presbyterian Women

We need your support.
You can include your dues in
your regular offering envelope.

New Address


Louise Whitehead is now at the
Brian Center.
Cards may be sent to her at:

Ruby Louise Whitehead
Brian Center ~ Room 500
100 ARH Lane
Low Moor, VA 24457

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

27th Samuel Moss
28th Krist Walker
29th Emilee Givens
Nathan Hale

ANNIVERSARIES

30th *Howard & Linda Wickham* 



60th Anniversary

Come Celebrate with Us!
H. L. and Linda Wickham
will celebrate their
60th Wedding Anniversary on
September 27, 2020
from 2-4 p.m.
at Douthat State Park
Cards are appreciated,
but no presents please!

Actual wedding date September 30, 1960.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Gail Wood
Harry Tingler
4 Gary Rice
Sadie Landis
10 Danielle Conner
11 Heather Young Johnson
12 Olivia Sponaugle
13 Danny Rodgers
15 Makenzie Shifflett
16 Ronald Barger
17 James Bush, Jr.
20 Rhoda Hill
21 Samuel Poague

28 Diane Barksdale
Lisa Sponaugle
29 Dolly Whitehead
30 Gail Washburn
31 Charles "Woody" Whitmer

ANNIVERSARIES

1 Van & Brenda Walker
3 George & Cindee Stinnett
6 Shane & Missy Reid
8 Danny & Debbie Rodgers
10 Mark & Shirley Thompson
11 Gene & Gail Wood
12 Stacey & Amy Bishop
16 Stacy & Kelly Patterson
17 Howard & Pam Poague
25 Howard & Lora Thompson

To the Members of
McAllister Presbyterian Church,

It is with great hesitation to request to
move my membership after 60 years.

In 1943, Mamie and Frank McBee
took me in after my father (Jesse
James) was killed at the Paper Mill.

I was baptized and married in this
church. There are many great memo-
ries here, like Bible School, Sunday
School and going to Massanetta
Springs church camp every summer.
Mr. Theodore Lipes loaded us up in the
back of his truck loaded with hay.

Mrs. Becky Lipes, Mrs. Della Lipes,
Frances Andrews along with Mamie
McBee did all the cooking for us.

Just wanted to say that all of my up-
bringing in this church has given me
strength and with God's guidance I
have survived going around the world
with my husband, Vern Gabbert. There
were lots of trials and temptations dur-
ing the years of our travelling.

We were blessed with 4 children and
now have 7 grandchildren.

I hope all of you will bring your chil-
dren up in the church and are blessed.

Sincerely,

Donna McBee Gabbert



Baptism

On Sunday, September 6, 2020 at the
11:00 a.m. service, we celebrated the
Sacrament of Baptism for Jenni Ma-
rie Fox Hinton. Standing with Jenni
was her father and presiding elder,
Marshall Fox.

Newsletter Information

Please submit newsletter information
and prayer request by email, post
mail, or by phone. We would love to
hear from you and share your joys,
laughs, and concerns.

***(Deadline for next newsletter is
Monday ~ October 11 @ 4 p.m.)***

The Church Office is open, but we
encourage people to refrain from
stopping by if a phone call or email
will suffice. The office contact infor-
mation is located on the back page.
Also, please mail donations to the
church address or donate online.



Musical Minute:

Those able to step outside last weekend were greeted by a bracing touch of the change of seasons. Fall is almost here. I know that we'll still have some day-time highs in the eighties, but the squirrels and other creatures of the forest have made it clear by their increased foraging that the seasons are changing. Don't get me wrong—I enjoy summer. I love my garden. I love basil, tomatoes, peppers, butterflies and blooms, and the chirping of insects on a warm, sultry evening. But by this time of the year, as much as I appreciate a sunny, late summer day, I'm ready to put away the hoe and the watering can and turn my attention to indoor pursuits.

When it comes to enjoying music, there's not much that is off-limits for me. In addition to listening to classical and sacred music, I'm also a big fan of classic jazz. There are some awesome jazz standards about the fall season. "The Falling Leaves" and "Autumn in New York," both of which have been covered by Billie Holiday, Frank Sinatra and countless other crooners, are two favorites. Still, both of those pieces tend toward the melancholy aspects of fall. It was probably about twenty years ago that I discovered Nat King Cole's lilting version of Henry Nemo's 1941 classic " 'Tis Autumn." To me, it is the very embodiment of fall's promise and distinct beauty:

*"Ole Father Time checked so there'd be no doubt;
Called on the north wind to come on out,
then cupped his hands so proudly to shout,
La-de-da-de-da-de-dum, 'Tis Autumn.*

*The trees say they're tired, they've borne too much fruit;
Charmed all the wayside, there's no dispute.
Now, shedding leaves, they don't give a hoot,
La-de-da-de-da-de-dum, 'Tis Autumn.*

*Then the birds got together to chirp about the weather . . .
After making their decision in birdy-like precision, turned about and made a beeline to the south.*

*My holding you close really is no crime, ask the birds, the trees and Ole Father Time.
It's just to help the mercury climb,
La-de-da-de-da-de-dum, 'Tis Autumn."*

What a charming piece! It's been sung by many others, but Nat King Cole's version with his Trio is as smooth as dripping honey. You can listen to it online on YouTube (just type in the title of the song) and celebrate the arrival of autumn! I hope that the onset of cooler weather brings you joy, hope and the peace that comes with the continuity of the changing seasons. I look forward to seeing you in church soon.

Take good care.

Beth