



Pantops Beacon

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Birthdays of the Month

April Birthdays

4th - Liam Barker

8th - Mary Lynn Haney

10th - Margarete Rice, and Joseph Sesay

12th - Bill Downer, and Frances Parsons

13th - Connor Barker, Esther Cash

15th - Caleb Rugumayo

16th - Steve McVey, and Emiko Rugumayo

23rd - Bob Wheeler

25th - Mike Powell

27th - Aero O'Hanlon

29th - Mary Williams

Upcoming Services

Maundy Thursday Service at Pantops

March 28, at 6:30 PM

Easter Sunrise Service at Chapman Grove Baptist Church

March 31, at 6:00 AM, Breakfast to follow

Easter Worship Service at Pantops

March 31, at 11:00 AM



Children's Easter Celebration

Saturday, March 30, 10 AM-12:30 PM

Activities for children ages 4-10 years from 10:00-11:30; Easter egg hunt and pizza lunch for children of all ages and their families 11:30-12:30. Sign up in the narthex or call the church office.

Wednesday Night Bible Study resumes on April 10th with a new class: The Lord and His Prayer by N.T. Wright. We hope you will join us each week at 6:30p.m.

Attendance on March 24, 2024

Worship - 46	Sunday School - 33
Budget	\$ 1,670.00
Other	\$ 82.00

Financial Summary as of February 29, 2024

Budget to Date	\$ 40,500.00
Actual Expenses to Date	\$ 36,863.00
Actual Giving to Date	\$ 28,560.00
Current Deficit	\$ 8,303.00
Freeman Original Loan	\$ 120,000.00
Remaining Loan Balance	\$ 41,101.21

Loose plate offerings are designated for budgeted expenses. Thank you for your faithful financial support of Pantops.

Thank you for your generous support of our collection of socks, dry erase markers, and toothbrushes for Ukraine. We were blessed to have Mina Podgaiskaya with us during the Sunday School hour to talk about their continuing ministry to the Ukrainian people. Mina and Gennady are flying to Poland on Tuesday to look for housing in Krakow where they will be moving in May. Until they can go back to Ukraine, they will be ministering to the thousands of displaced Ukrainians who are living in neighboring Poland.

On another note, some of you have asked about Jenny Jenkins, our CBF ministry partner in Haiti. She was in the US when the recent violence broke out and is still here. She is trying to decide whether to try and go back at this time.

Please keep Mina and Gennady, Jenny, and the people of Ukraine and Haiti in your prayers. So much violence, so much suffering.



A Message from our Pastor

How long does it take to grieve? When should someone be ready to move on?

I was thrilled for our church to host and partner with Mina (and Gennady) Podgaisky this weekend. I hadn't seen Mina since my final Sunday on staff at First Baptist Marion. As wonderful as a reunion with a partner is, it also brought with it a flood of memories and emotions. I carry this with me, mostly silently, but I am still grieving the loss of the life and relationships we shared in Marion six months later.

It isn't a reflection on Pantops or on Charlottesville, nor on you. It is the nature of change that lingers with us. Pain can walk alongside us for a long time. We all may be quick to rush someone through grief, make their grief about us because we are uncomfortable in the presence of grief, or may simply forget the ghosts in one another's lives when some amount of time has passed. Yet, perhaps we can keep trying to sit with one another no matter how long healing takes. That may be healing from lost or broken relationships, the loss of a friend or family member, a job, a stage of life or a particular role, or anticipatory grief over an upcoming change. Sometimes the reason for grief is even hard to nail down. I'm somewhere in the middle. I suspect you are too. 'Yea though we walk through the valley of darkness, we don't have to fear, for God is with us.' Let's be with one another.

In Christ,
Matt Roberts

Christian Concerns

Bill Downer, Ted Harwood, Pete Hildebrand, Maggie, daughter of Carrie Kerwick, Ray Klein, Susan Marinan, Greg McDuffie, Kim Murdock, Cathy Musselman, Frances Parsons, Janice Poindexter, Bruce Poole, Marilyn Randels, Emily Roberts, Joseph Sesay

Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 1 for the Easter Monday Holiday.



Gift was given in memory of **Carson Payne** by Bob and Edie Wheeler.

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Pantops Community Church
1525 Stony Point Road
Charlottesville, VA 22911

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

Sermon Title: "Choose Your Own Adventure"

Rev. Matt Roberts

Text: Mark 16:1-8

Sunday Morning Worship In Person and
Online at 11:00 AM

March 27, 2024



EASTER LILIES DONATED BY

The Brown Family

In memory of Toby Brown

Penny Chernauskas

**In memory of my mother, Betty Harwood
In memory of my dear friend, Irene Larsen**

Carol Hood

**In memory of my husband, John Hood
In memory of my sons David and Mark Hood**

Ron and Deanna Kirby

**In memory of Eunice DeHooqe
In memory of Louise Kirby**

The McVey Family

**In honor of Eugene McVey and in memory
of Lexie McVey**

Cal and Karen Morris

In memory of Scott Morris

Marilyn Randels and Family

In memory of Dr. Paul H. Randels

Frank and Margarete Rice

**In honor of their daughter, Margarete Gillette
In honor of their daughter, Virginia Thompson**

Marge Taylor

In memory of my husband, Fred Taylor

Phyllis Tignor

In memory of my husband, Lloyd Tignor