

## Mount Hermon Baptist Church

*Enewsletter* – May 28, 2020

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### Welcome New Members!



**Wayne & Barbara Gray**, 13916 Beechwood Point Road, Midlothian, VA 23112;  
739-1123; fwayneg2@comcast.net

The Grays have been a wonderful part of MHBC for many years.

**Wayne** was co-owner of Gray's Drug Store in Petersburg until he sold the business in 1987; he then continued to work as a relief pharmacist in the Richmond area. He enjoys family trips to other countries and has a great love for one of his colleges, Hampden-Sydney.

**Barbara** first had a career as a social worker for Petersburg and Richmond, later working as a counselor for the Virginia Department of Vocational Rehab. She enjoyed assisting Petersburg and Richmond churches playing the organ when needed and was the music resource teacher at a local preschool for 22 years. As you know, she has been a blessing playing piano for our worship services, too! Barbara has been part of the Richmond Running Community for 29 years as well. The Grays have two adult daughters and three grandchildren. How happy we are to welcome them to MHBC membership!

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**Worship this Sunday, May 31, 10:30 am** will find us following the same guidelines:

- **Anyone feeling at risk is encouraged to stay home.**
  - Contact surfaces at church cleaned
  - Hand-sanitizers on site.
  - Open doors to minimize surface contact at entrances.
  - Refrain from handshakes and personal contact.
  - **9:30 groups will not meet.**
  - **No Children's Church or nursery.**
  - 50% capacity for our worship center
  - Seating spaced appropriately; family members can sit together.
  - Face coverings, as specified by the state.
  - Offering plates not passed, but offering box available
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**The Pastor Search Team** is seeking information to provide guidance in determining what the church body desires in our next pastor. This is your opportunity to share what you believe Mount Hermon's strengths, challenges, expectations, and preferences are in searching for our next pastor. -- Please complete the following confidential questionnaire by **June 10, 2020**.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2D8W73M>

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***Congratulations to another graduate 2020!***



**Becca Noelle Mann. Monacan High School**

will be attending Edinboro University  
Parents: David & Angie Mann  
Grandmother: Mary Ann Mann

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**There are books from the pastor's library collection on tables in the commons at church. Please help yourself to as many as you like.**

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**Prayers appreciated for...**

**Doug Kunkel**, having radiation treatments for lung cancer  
**Everette Whitlock**, Keith Whitlock's father in MCV

***Sympathies to Lucille Dodrill*** in the death of her sister, Erma Blamble of Annandale, VA

**Dear Friends at Mount Hermon Baptist,**

You have been a blessing to me for the past 4 months... your calls and many cards of love and inspiration have warmed my heart, bringing sunshine and hope. Most of all, your prayers have wrapped me with calmness and peace that is most needed. Please continue to pray for me and my family. – Your friend sending love, **Barbara Gray**

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**A promise made should be a promise kept. -- Steve Forbes**

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**May 24 worship attendance: 34**

**Contributed: \$1,390.00**

**Average weekly need: 4,245.00**

**Average needs to date: \$89,145.00**

**Given to date: 91,203.00**

**Special Gifts: in memory of Nancy Lee & Charles Ittner by her parents, Burley & Nancy Spivey, and in honor of Lee Ellison by Burley & Nancy Spivey**

**The Memorial Association greatly appreciates a gift from Lillian Fleming in memory George Fleming and Leroy Golden**

**To contribute online go to... [www.mt-hermon.org](http://www.mt-hermon.org)  
and click the ONLINE GIVING bar**

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*Happy Birthday!*

*May*

31 Temie Bottoms	3 Adam Prather
31 Alice Burnett	3 Micaela Garrett

*June*

	5 Lucille Dodrill
1 Campbell Ittner	5 Betsy Gayle
2 Jimmy Golden	5 Gray Witt
2 Dolores Miller	6 Fred Williams

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**From the Pastor...**

*Finished?*

**To finish a work? To finish a picture? What nonsense! To finish it means to be through with it, to kill it, to rid it of its soul, to give it its final blow the coup de grace for the painter as well as for the picture. -- Pablo Picasso**

**Well, it's the final week of my service to you as pastor. It's been a very, very good 15 years and 9 months. It's been a joy and pleasure, and I thank you for the privilege of working with you in ministry. And while I may be finishing a *career role* that spanned 42 years, I am not finished serving the Lord. -- Are you?**

**Actually, retirement is a recent, modern concept. Through the course of history people didn't think in terms of retiring, often because it wasn't possible. And many folks today simply transition to other forms of work or activity. Those who stop engaging in life in reality stop living. And who wants to do that?**

**When Jesus died on the cross, his last words were, "It is finished." But was it finished? His labor of love to pay the penalty of our sins was completed, but his life and ministry was hardly over. He soon showed up again and continued what he had done before: teaching his followers and inspiring them to continue his work in the world. With the eternal God, nothing is over!**

