



Baptist By-Line

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Message shared by Pastor Carl Heick

Dear friends,

As told in the Gospel of John, before Jesus enters Jerusalem to face the darkest hours of His journey He is called to the grave of Lazarus, His friend and the brother of Mary and Martha. Lazarus had lain in the tomb for four days. When Jesus observes the mourners, especially sisters Mary and Martha, and the depth of their grief, He is deeply moved. This is the context for the shortest verse in the Bible, "Jesus wept." What a witness to the humanity of Jesus. He too feels the deep need for human connection which God has woven into us. Do you remember the end of this story? Jesus calls Lazarus forth from the tomb and he emerges with the stink of death and grave still on him. This is not a resurrection to a fully changed and renewed body, but rather a temporary return to earthly life. It is however the occasion for Jesus to affirm "I am the resurrection and the life..." Easter is coming and coming soon.

You and I are keenly feeling the loss of human connection during this time of social distancing. We long for the joy of an Easter together with others. We wonder when the anxiety and suffering will end. There is no easy answer to those questions. Jesus never explained suffering. He came into the world to live it and face it. He promises to face it with us and never to abandon us. When Jesus rises on Easter morning His human suffering is done but His divine compassion for our sufferings is fully alive.

I am gratified to not have heard of any virus related illness in our congregation. I hope it stays that way. It is still not clear when we will be able to gather together again. In the meantime do those things which are required or recommended to stay healthy. Keep your distance but find other ways to be close. Wash your hands (mine have never been so clean) and let them lead you into prayer. Stay informed but don't watch news all day. Facebook is not a good primary source for news. Listen to the experts in the health care field. Hunches and suspicions don't mean anything. There is an old phrase which was shared with me a long time ago and I stand by it. "All good science is God's science." God has entrusted us with genuine scientific wisdom for our good and God's glory. Pray that our medical experts will learn quickly and do everything they can to enhance the fight against COVID-19. Give thanks and pray for the courageous doctors and nurses who are on the front lines.

Jesus still weeps, for our sufferings and for our lack of trust. Your love and generosity to your family, your church family and your neighbors far and wide means the world. Your trust in Jesus means even more. Jesus has not left us. See you as soon as wise and possible.

In Christ

Carl





Ladies, if you want to spend a morning having a good time and joyful fellowship, then join us each
Tuesday at 10AM (Year-round)!

March 2020

Helping Hands did not get to do much this month. A couple of games involving one a baby/young child picture and we had to figure out who was who. And tell three things about yourself but only one was true. That was tough. Some people know more about you than you want them to! Saw "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood " with Tom Hanks as Mr.Rogers.; What a change the world has taken. It will never be the same. This virus has us all praying to Him. Will we be afraid to hug or kiss again? Have to wait and see. Meanwhile stay in "touch" with one another e-mail, Facebook, telephone, Skype, send a card. Pick a different person every other day and communicate. It just takes a couple of minutes. Some day soon we will be back in church and leading a new kind of life. Hopefully with a better understanding that He does work in mysterious ways.

Our functions and purposes are service and outreach, self-development (sharing & learning) and fellowship (overcoming aloneness). We invite all ladies of the church and their friends to join us anytime.

April Planned Activities:

Stay in "touch" with one another e-mail, Facebook, telephone, Skype, send a card. Pick a different person every other day and communicate. It just takes a couple of minutes.



Financial Secretary Report

2/29/2020



Mortgage

Annual Budget	\$	44,628.00
Received to date (8 months)	\$	29,530.00
Needed (8 months)	\$	29,736.00
Shortfall	\$	-206.00

General Fund / Current

Annual Budget	\$	65,956.00
Received to date (8 months)	\$	64,513.00*
Needed (8 months)	\$	65,305.00
Shortfall	\$	-792.00*

Missions

Annual Budget	\$	9,492.00
Received to date (8 months)	\$	6,010.00
Needed (8 months)	\$	6,328.00
Shortfall	\$	- 318.00

Expense Report on Greeter's Table.

TREASURER'S REPORT

2/29/2020

Receipts To Date:

General Fund (Pledges):	\$	37,821.00
Misc. (Fund Raisers, etc.)	\$	11,604.00*
Rent:	\$	13,600.00*
Loose _____ :	\$	1,073.00*
Total Receipts	\$	64,098.00*

Checkbook Balance:	\$	25,023.69
On Hold (Roof):	\$	6,567.75
Available Funds:	\$	18,455.94

Mortgage Fund: \$ 15,130.55

Memorial : \$ 4,582.52



Mark your calendars!



VENDOR Fair

Join us at:
 First Baptist Church of Hanson
 214 Main Street
 Hanson, Ma
 12 - 4pm

Proceeds to benefit:
 Center Stage Outreach Team Inc.
 (Plymouth Ma)



MAY
30TH

Inquires – Treasuresofourhearts2@gmail.com



SPRING BLING!
 Craft & Vendor Event

Proceeds to benefit Hanson's Food Entry

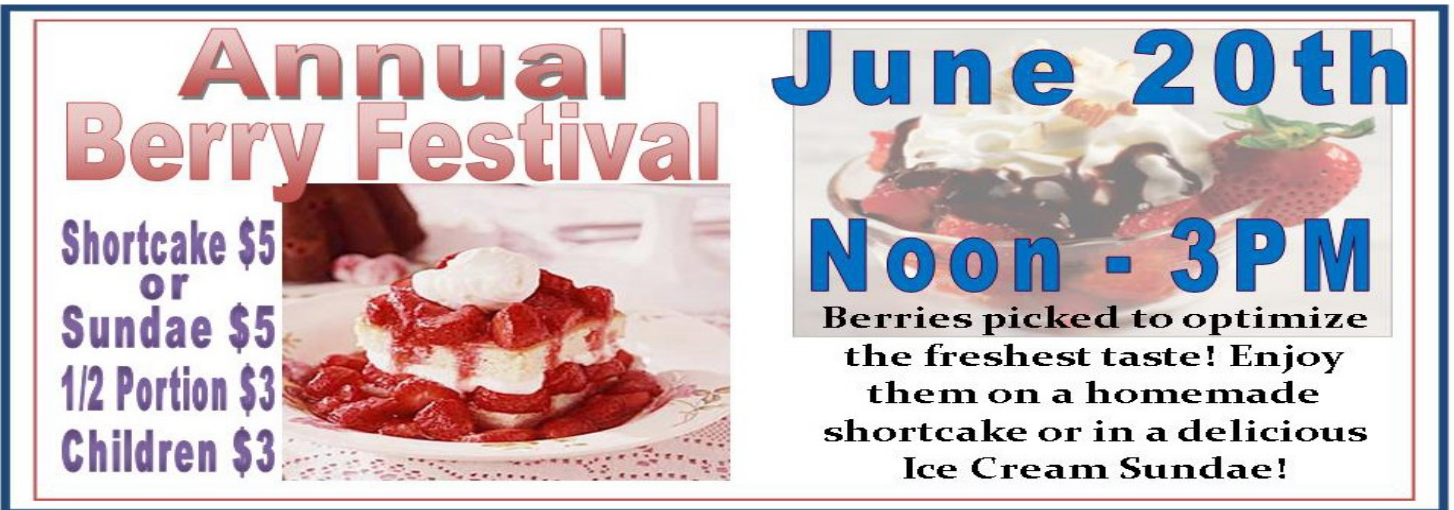
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April
25th

Postponed until June 20

Inquires – Treasuresofourhearts2@gmail.com

These events are being held at our Church and hosted by Charitable Organization "Treasures of Our Hearts". They will have about 30 tables rented by different crafters, with homemade canned items, plus much more. Stop by at lunch our Eatery will offer lunch items and drink. Plus all Eatery proceeds will go directly to FBCH! On June 20th will be our famous Berry Festival, too.



Annual Berry Festival

Shortcake \$5
 or
 Sundae \$5
 1/2 Portion \$3
 Children \$3

June 20th

Noon - 3PM

Berries picked to optimize the freshest taste! Enjoy them on a homemade shortcake or in a delicious Ice Cream Sundae!

FBCH Family Night **May 21st 6PM**

Executive Council meets the second Thursday of every month at 6PM . All church officers and a representative from each board and committee should attend.



Reminder:

All Boards and Committees meet the first Thursday of every month. Check with your chairperson

Current Fund Raising

amazon smile

We are listed on Amazon as part of the Amazon Smile Charities. If you order from Amazon use this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/04-3408706> If you end up using search, Our Church is listed currently as "Baptist Church Hanson, MA" but using 04-340876 will save you time. We will get .5% of all qualified purchases. Please spread the news. If you or your school age children/grandchildren need supplies or toys or stuff use this internet address when you place your order! With only 9 supporting the Church so far we've earned \$70. Now more than ever we need your support and here is a way without the donation coming directly out of your pocket!

Transfer stocks to the Church for tax credit. Contact your broker and have them transfer whatever stock you wish to the:

FirstBaptistHanson account # 469-017943 at Morgan Stanley.

Let Us Pray...

Continued Prayers for a CoVid-19 cure/vaccine and recovery for all those infected. Prayers for the good health of residents in long term care facilities where CoVid-19 has taken a foot hold.

Prayers for ALL people working at this dangerous time. Keep them safe and healthy! Workers like Medical staff, people stocking our store shelves, drivers delivering what is needed and anyone else interacting with others either in person or through the internet.

Remember this as our state starts re-opening business', isolation only keeps folks away from those infected, it is & was in no way a cure! **PLEASE** be careful to not get or spread this virus. Wear your masks in public, use hand sanitizer/wash your hands frequently and keep your 6 foot distance from others.

Join us this Easter.

FACEBOOK LIVE

MISSION MATTERS

By Wanda MacCurtain

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2020-**"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."** Matthew 22:39 -Your heartfelt gifts to the America for Christ offering (AFC) allow you to do just that-love your neighbor-by supporting the many American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) that live out this biblical mandate by healing hurting individuals and transforming broken communities. The needs across the United States and Puerto Rico are just as great as they were in 1832 when ABHMS was founded. ABHMS ministers to families who have lost homes to wildfires and floods, to children who are challenged by poverty, and to seminarians preparing to devote their lives to sharing the Good News, ABHMS 'partners also serve as the hands and feet of Christ by empowering Christian leaders, nurturing disciples and promoting intercultural awareness. **THANK YOU** for your past generous support of the transformational ministries of ABHMS and its partners. With your donations to the AFC offering 2020, ABHMS can extend love to so many more neighbors. The five Sunday's of March our church will be promoting America For Christ Offering, videos will be shown and there will be an envelope in your Sunday bulletin to use when you make a donation to the America for Christ Offering.

WELCOME HOME to our four missionaries who were doing volunteer work in La Romana, Dominican February 22-29, 2020. Our congregation looks forward to hearing your reports and seeing pictures of your work in La Romana Those traveling to the Dominican: Bob Devine, Kim Luce, Silvia Mauerhofer and Rick Hayward.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS FROM KEVIN AND BRIDGET LUCE AND CHILDREN who serve with African Inland Mission (AIM) with the home office located in Peachtree City, Georgia. The Luce family is one of the missionaries our Mission Budget supports. Kevin started off 2019 helping a team in Uganda. Bridget played a role in leading a "Leading Multicultural Teams" workshop in May and June 2019. She helped people from Europe, Australia, the U.S., Canada, Kenya and the Congo. In September the Luces ran two Bridges Classes at their church helping Christians build relational Bridges with Muslims .More highlight in 2013: Equipping a friend to be an effective Team leader among some of the least reached-with the Gospel-people on the planet. I (Kevin) studied scripture with a friend of mine here in Nairobi, He is a Muslim....deep desire in his soul...asking can Jesus forgive all my sins...He is still on a journey. Please pray for him. The Luce family says, "We cannot THANK YOU enough! It is your prayers and financial support that allow us to do our ministry and we are so grateful.

TABCOM SUMMER CAMPS: GROTONWOOD - Offers Youth overnight, Day Camps and special needs Camps. Special needs and family camps are offered at **OCEANWOOD**. For more info for Grotonwood: Call: 978-448-5763 or email office@grotonwood.org Website: Grotonwood.org or for Oceanwood: Call: 207-934-9655 or email: office@oceanwood.org or Website: oceanwood.org/

TREASURERS OF OUR HEART

Who is TREASURERS OF OUR HEART?

Here is a letter sent which should explain a little.

Hi everyone, we at Treasures of our Heart wanted to share with you all of the Charities we have been able to donate to in 2019 with all of your help! We had an amazing year because of all off you, our followers, customers, vendors, friends, and families! We can't put into words how thankful we are to all of you.

We donated to all of these Charities: Mallorys Army, Childhood Diabetes, Out of the Darkness Walks, Jens Team, Annies Kindness Blankets, Starlight events, Dana Farber Blood Drive, Nicholas Vivino Pembroke High School Scholarship, St Judes Hospital, Teen Suiside Fund, Hanover Police, Christmas Anges, Bethesda House. Part of the group are South Shore crafters that help ease families' burdens statewide - for a local News story in the Norwell Mariner click below:

<https://norwell.wickedlocal.com/news/20200129/south-shore-crafters-help-ease-families-burdens-statewide>

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Jimmy Trumbull - 5, Jon Dickerson - 8,

Hazel Mitchell - 25, Rev. Bill Smith - 25

If you aren't listed let the office know your Birthday!



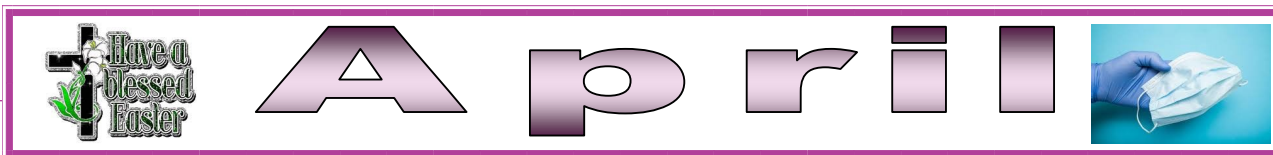
April Birthdays for our International Missionaries

Please remember them in your prayers as they spread God's message around the world.

Becky Stanton(Liberia)-6, Sue Hegarty(Costa Rica)-8, Matt Mann(Development Workers)-9, Steve James(Haiti)-11, Chuck Fox(Thailand)-15, Corenne Smith(Brazil)-24, Laura Parajon(Nicaragua)-27, Thelma Nambu(Philippines)-28, Joyce Reed(Mexico)-29, Dan Chetti(Lebanon)-29

Contact For More Information:

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>There will be no services or activities held at the Church for the month of April. We are sending Pastor's letters weekly by email and USPS mail (for those with no e-mail access).</i></p>				2	3	4
<p>Boards & Committees Meet this Week </p>						
<p>5 Palm Sunday Exec. Council Ph. Conference Time TBD</p>	6	7	8	<p>9 Maundy Thursday</p>	<p>10 Good Friday</p>	11
<p>12 Easter! Possible Facebook or YouTube video for Church.</p>	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

HANSON FOOD PANTRY

**Hours : Currently closed until
May
Tuesday 10AM - 12PM
6PM - 8PM
228 High Street, Hanson!
Phone: 781-293-1400**

Did you know that the Hanson Pantry now provides food to Pembroke residents? As with Hanson clients, they just need to provide proof of residency.

For donations, First Baptist Church is being asked for the following food items: coffee and brown rice, as well as the following personal care items: toilet paper, shampoo, and dish detergent, deodorant and toothpaste. The Dollar Tree is a great place to find these items at a reasonable price.

Paper and plastic bags are always needed.

As always, any donations are greatly appreciated. Starting in 2015 Please leave donations at either entrance of our church in the provided receptacles.

Like them on Facebook! Log into Facebook and Search for: **Hanson Food Pantry 2015** or copy this in the address line of your browser. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Hanson-Food-Pantry-2015/375916832588832?fref=ts>



KID ZONE!

Youth Group

Our youth has joined forces with the Hanson Congregational kids for activities and events.

**Contact Kathy Fuller
(781-293-7997)
to get involved!**



FBCH Sunday School

We are looking for additional teachers. Please speak to Tangra if you are willing to help out.



Let Us Pray...

Please, when you pray today, remember our friends in Christ who either need God's healing touch or have family & friends who also need his healing. For privacy, listed below are first names only:

Gerda & Jay, Bruce & Barbara, Sue & Bill, Dennis & Madeline, Joan, Ro, Chuck, Jan & Bud.

May & Hazel, Barbara and Frank.

James & Zoie, Lorna, Gunnar, Lorna, Chelsea Soldiers Home and John, Jim's family, Kerry's Mom, Ralph & Peggy, Debbie & Marion, Pam, Laura, Penny, Rozlyn, Kathy & David & Joe & Joe, Donna & JoAnn, Dennis, Tom, Judy & Jack, Jane, Jeff Heather, Gary, Ki & family. Sean & Linda.

And prayers to those serving our country:

Mike & Sam, Ricky, Kenny & Nicholas, Daniel,



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IS A GROWING CHURCH THAT SEEKS TO BRING THE LOVE, CARE, AND EXCITEMENT OF CHRIST TO PERSONS OF EVERY AGE AND SITUATION. *WELCOME!*

JOIN US AS WE ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER TO:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself' "

~ Mark 12: 30-31

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Reaching Out With Joy"

