

# COVID-19 Emergency Assistance

Has the COVID-19 Pandemic caused Financial Hardship  
in your Household?

Do you Need Financial and Other Assistance?

Call the  
Community Resource Hotline  
for assistance  
(434) 234-4490  
Hours: 9am - 5pm

This Fund is not a federal public benefit and does not impact immigration status changes  
under the public charge rule.

Households in Charlottesville & the Counties of  
Albemarle, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa,  
Nelson & Orange are eligible

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## Favorite Memes

The NFL is considering playing  
the season in stadiums without  
fans. They've reached out to  
the Redskins for advice.

**2019:**

**Stay away from negative people.**

**2020:**

**Stay away from positive people.**

## Congratulations Graduates!

Calvin Kellum—WAHS

Ella Smith—WAHS

Stuart Terrill—WAHS

Thelose Hove— Louisa High

Sienna Kellum—Radford U.

(Economics; Business Mgt.)

Jessica Robertson—UVA Curry

School (M.Ed.)

## Report from the Pastor's 2020 Birthday Committee:

The committee has been able  
to find instructions on how to  
have a belated Pastor's Birthday  
Presentation without using a can of  
Dinty Moore stew. Members of the  
committee still do not wish to  
release their names.

## Help is Available

Several people in the church have  
volunteered to help with picking up  
items from the pharmacy and grocery,  
and transportation to the doctor's  
office. Let the church office know if you  
have a need.

## Mountain Plain Baptist Church

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## PLAINLY SPEAKING

The  
Mountain Plain Baptist Church  
Newsletter  
May 18-31, 2020



I lift up my eyes to the hills —  
where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
the Maker of Heaven and Earth.

While Sunday services are paused, we hope  
this bi-monthly newsletter will be a reminder  
that you are missed and loved, and that we  
will get through this together as we trust in  
God.

## Proverbs 27:21-27

The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but man is tested by the praise he receives.

Though you grind a fool in a mortar, grinding him like grain with a pestle, you will not remove his folly from him.

Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds; for riches do not endure forever, and a crown is not secure for all generations.

When the hay is removed and new growth appears and the grass from the hills is gathered in, the lambs will provide you with clothing, and the goats with the price of a field.

You will have plenty of goat's milk to feed you and your family and to nourish your servant girls.

### Quarantine Cuisine

recipes from the back of the pantry

#### Barb's famous "Poor Man's Special"

- 4 pieces of toast (pro tip: mold magically disappears in the toaster)
- Cheddar cheese, sliced
- 1 can baked beans, warmed
- For the extravagant deluxe version, add two sliced hot dogs to the beans.

Arrange cheddar cheese on toast and smother with warmed beans.

## Pastor's Message

### All Gowned up with Nowhere to March

My children were delighted recently to learn that I didn't graduate with the rest of my high school class. I failed P.E. my senior year and had to take it again in summer school (I had skipped class too often in order to go to the local pizza buffet with my friends instead). All-U-Can-Eat pizza is wonderful, but watching from the stands as my classmates graduated without me was a pretty miserable experience.

That, however, was at least the result of my own poor decisions. This year's graduates have been denied their commencement celebration through no fault of their own. They have worked toward a time of triumph only to have it taken away at the last moment. Surely there is disappointment over not getting to walk across the stage in cap and gown and enjoy their well-earned moment in the sun (while others among us might be secretly grateful for not having to again endure a two hour rendition of "Pomp and Circumstance"). And perhaps each of us, regardless of our stage of life, feels disappointment over canceled plans, postponed events, and what seems like a lost season. But God's people have learned that He brings good out of bad and "we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." (Rom. 8:28)

Long ago, God miraculously led His people out of slavery in Egypt. Imagine their excitement as they marched toward the Promised Land — only to be told they'd have to cool their heels in the desert for a few decades before they entered. Not surprisingly, their reaction was self-pity and grumbling. But in the end there was a purpose: they learned to trust God more. And this lesson would serve them well for generations, far better than quick access to the Land of Milk and Honey would have had.

Today we might be tempted to grumble about our present circumstance; about days and opportunities lost. May we choose instead to grow deeper in our faith and trust in God - and in His plan - and end up with far more to celebrate after this challenging time than we had before it.

### WHO'S ZOOMIN' WHO?

Mountain Plain Sunday School is held every Sunday at 10:00am live on Zoom. To participate, go to the church website ([mountainplain.org](http://mountainplain.org)) and click on the "Zoom" tab. Then go to the bottom of the page and click on the date. Easy!



Weekday Bible study videos are posted on the Mountain Plain Facebook page.

**Weekly audio sermons are posted on the church website.**



### Birthdays:

5/26 Betty May  
5/27 Tom Ramsey  
5/29 John May  
5/30 Patrick Harvath  
5/31 Tia Hove

The church is providing stamped envelopes for your convenience should you choose to continue supporting Mountain Plain during these difficult times. Thank you for keeping the ministries of your church strong.