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MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU!

“I can feel your anger. It gives you focus! It makes you stronger.” -Senator Palpatine

“Good. I can feel your anger. I am defenseless—take your weapon. Strike me down with all of your hatred, and your journey towards the dark side will be complete! -Emperor Palpatine

“Give into your anger. With each passing moment you make yourself more my servant...” -Darth Sidious

“Fear is the path to the dark side. Fear leads to anger. Anger leads to hate. Hate leads to suffering.” -Yoda

Happy Star Wars Day to all who celebrate (May the 4th be with you)!! I’m writing this on Monday, Star Wars Day, and thought it an appropriate way to extend our conversation on wrath from Sunday. Time necessitated focusing only on the details of the Iliad and Achilles connection to get the point across, but as it turns out, Hollywood grabs hold of the alluring power of wrath and rage pretty regularly! They too show its power, as well as its inevitable failure and deceit.

The Dune series begins as Paul Atriedes, seeks revenge for the murder of his father.

Harvey Dent is consumed by vengeance when he is spared by Batman in The Dark Knight.

In book and film, Edmond Dantes is consumed by revenge in The Count of Monte Cristo.

In the Gladiator, Maximus Decimus Meridius seeks the life of the emperor declaring, “I will have my vengeance—in this life or the next!”

As it turns out, the all-consuming power of rage and wrath seem to be obvious motivators to move the action of stories forward. Why? I suppose it’s because we are all so prone to it. We are all so prone to want and seek revenge for those who hurt us, insult us, cut us off in traffic, fail to include us, or mess something up for us. When it all comes down to it, we all think we are owed a perfect life, and anyone who impedes that deserves punishment.

But of course, that isn’t how the world works. Despite how some of these characters come out as conflicted heroes in many situations, wrath, revenge, and hatred leave both parties broken. Our world would be a broken mess without the powers of mercy and forgiveness.

Let me encourage you to be agents of those gifts in your world this week. As always, it is my privilege to serve as your pastor. -Josh

SUNDAY MORNING

MOTHER’S DAY - No 2nd Sunday Breakfast

9:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 AM - MORNING WORSHIP

SPECIAL ELEMENTS

Rev. Josh Beeler | “The Seven Deadly Sins” series

“Emvy” | Judges 8:1-3, 22~35

Parent-Child Dedication

Preschool Choir | Canvas of Rest Report

CHURCH LIFE

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

May 10 Mike Garrett & Luke Hamel

DEACONS SERVING MAY 10

Carl LaFerney	Beth Freeman
Lesley McPhatter	Jesse Staton
Irene White	Steve Owen

MAY 3, 2026 OFFERINGS

Budget Envelopes.....	\$ 1531.00
(Weekly Budget Needs \$9,424.06)	
Plate Offering.....	\$ 0.00
Designated Offering.....	\$ 2055.00
Miscellaneous.....	\$ 0.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT.....	\$ 17406.00
Find Us Faithful.....	\$ 1300.00

IN MEMORY

We express our love and sympathy to the family of Mary Lee Deal, united with this church in 1958, deceased April 29, 2026, and to the family of Shirley Bell. May God's abiding love be your peace and comfort during this time.



MISSIONS

WOMEN ON MISSION

Meeting at Randolph Memorial on Wednesday, May 13 to assemble First Night Bags for Social Services



CHRISTMAS CHEER BASKETS

Bisquick and Corn Bread Mixes



FELLOWSHIP

MONACAN PARK FELLOWSHIP

THIS Wednesday, May 6 from 6pm to dusk. Hot dogs and waters provided. Bring sides and desserts.

In case of rain, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall at MHBC.



KEENAGER MEETING

Tuesday, May 12 at 10:30 am for a musically fun time with Steve Tyree and Company. Bread and beverage provided - bring all the casseroles, sides, and desserts to share!

WOMEN ON MISSION

Wednesday, May 13 at 1:00pm
Meet at Randolph Memorial to assemble First Night Bags for Social Services

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Tuesday, May 19 at 9:00am
Old Trail Lodge in Crozet.



CHURCH POOL PARTY & PICNIC

Saturday, June 13
Pool opens at 3:00pm
Picnic under the pavilion at 5:30pm. Chicken, bread, and drinks provided.



SAVE THE DATE

