

## PRAYER REQUEST

### Members & Faithful Attendees

Pat Abbitt, Frances Butler, Kenneth Carwile, Maxine Clements, Kaleb Creasy, David Dudley, Helen Dudley, Linnie Dudley, Wyndol Ewers, Edgar Murphy, Gayle Lauenders, Becky McFall, Dewey McIvor, Phyllis Minnick, Doris Sechrest, Patsy Smith.

### Friends, Relatives & Community Concerns

Etrulia Beard (Joe Hedges), Teresa Belcher & Family (Alexis Hamilton), Gloria Cannady (Paul Stober), Ruby Cash (Pam Hubbard), John Davis (George Harris), Shelia Garren (Joy Flowers), Pam Gillespie (George Harris), Stephanie Grubbs (Joe Hedges), Laurie Halldorsson (Paul Stober), Tracey Hamilton (Vivian Hamilton), Charles Hubbard (Rick Hubbard), Ednee Irving (Lewis Noel), Beau Johnson (Kanzada Phillips), Kandace Tatlock (Kristen Tatlock), Jessica Kraus (Carla Reichard), Larry Lawhorne (Eddie Wieringo), Avis Lovell (Pam Hubbard), Marvin Manning (Pat Abbitt), Vicki Mason (Alexis Hamilton), Andy Mays (Jana Terrell), Bernard Moore (George Harris), Mickey Munns (Vivian Hamilton), George Murray (Paul Stober), Martha Noel (Lewis Noel), Anita Price (Jana Terrell), Larry Short (Eddie Wieringo), Kim Stewart (Carla Reichard), Marilyn Taylor (Joy Flowers), Emily Thompson Family (Alexis Hamilton), Sandy Thornsby (Jan Hawkins), Steve Wade (Jana Terrell), Alice Walsh (Paul Stober).

### Military & Support Personnel

Sarah Harrell (deployed Bahrain), Sarah Sullivan, Michael Grubbs, Jr., Matthew Minnick

## OUTREACH

### HELPING HANDS- CHRISTMAS CHEER

#### OCTOBER

Canned meat, fruit, vegetables, soup, dried goods, mixes

### NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Non-perishable food items, person hygiene items

### OUTSIDE FOOD BOX

Non-perishable food and snack items

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors will be handing out meals at their two locations on the first, third and fourth Wednesdays.**

**Madison Heights Christian Church celebrates 117 years of service on October 24, 2021. Join us for Sunday school and worship.**

**All Saints Sunday will be October 31, 2021**

**Habitat for Humanity offering will be taken on October 31, 2021.**



## MADISON HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN CHURCH HISTORY

A common desire to worship God was the spark that ignited the formation of Madison Heights Christian Church in 1904. From the humble beginnings in a tent to a solid foundation on Main Street, the congregation has celebrated 117 years of worship and fellowship.

The Rev. H. D. Coffey led the tent revivals that started the church's beginning. For some time the church met in the homes of members until a small building, known as the Tabernacle, could be built on Fourth Street. The congregation worshiped in the Tabernacle until 1922 when it was torn down and replaced with a larger structure.

In 1930 Rev. Coffey led the congregation to call its first settled pastor, the Rev. G. C. Looney. Rev. Looney served MHCC from 1930 to 1955 and brought forth many changes. It was during this time, in 1932 that the current church building was built to accommodate the growing membership. The stained glass windows, arches and bricks were purchased from the old Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg to create the new home that was dedicated on October 23, 1932. The educational wing was built in 1952 and additional land was purchased in 1953 for a parking lot. Rev. Looney preached his last sermon on March 27, 1955.

Rev. Murray Carson was installed as pastor on July 29, 1956 and served the church for two years.

The Rev. Robert S. Tatlock began his service with the church in 1959. It was during this time that the sanctuary and the educational wing were completely remodeled. Rev. Tatlock served the church until 1965. His family still worships here.

The Rev. D. Jack Hamilton was called to the church in 1966 and served the church for 32 years. During this time, the church became more active in regional and state activities for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). They also became more active in helping those in need and in participating with other local churches. After Rev. Hamilton's retirement the Rev. C. Douglas Pillow, a retired United Methodist pastor, led the church for about a year. Rev. Hamilton continued to worship at MHCC until his death in 2021. Mrs. Vivian Hamilton continues as a devoted member.

The church called the Rev. Paul Land to serve in 1999. Rev. Land served until 2006. During this time the church was renovated solely by volunteers.

In 2006 the Rev. Mary Kearns was called as an interim. Rev. Kearns served until 2008. She was the first female minister at Madison Heights Christian. She prepared the way for hiring of our current minister the Rev. George B. Harris.

Rev. Harris has served since April 1, 2008. While the church has experienced a gradual decline in membership it has sustained longevity, financial stability and spiritual development due to sound doctrine and faithful members. We may be few in number but we are strong in spirit!