

**Hot Flowers**

***Song of Solomon 2:11-12***

*“For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over [and] gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing [of birds] is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land...”*



At the end of winter, when so many of us become weary of winter and look forward to spring, it might seem a little early to be talking about flowers blooming. You might like to know, however, that man is not the only one of God’s creatures who would like to welcome spring a little early. There are some 2,500 species of plants that actually generate heat when they flower, and many of them are heating up beneath northern snows.

As early as February in western Pennsylvania, the skunk cabbage begins to generate enough heat to melt the ground and snow around itself so that it can begin to grow and flower. Even if the air temperature is zero degrees (F), the skunk cabbage can raise the air temperature around its flowers to 50 degrees – the temperature it needs for flowering. Plants in the same family begin heating up across the northern climates around the world.

Sometimes it seems as though the entire living world strains toward spring at this time of year. In the midst of widespread fears that the weather has somehow gotten seriously off track, spring should remind us of what the Lord promised Noah and his descendants – all of us, and all living things – “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.”

Photo: Bloom of the skunk cabbage in the spring before leafing. Courtesy of Sue Sweeney. Licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 3.0 Unported license.

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# Memorial Baptist Church



**February 13, 2022**

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### This Week at Memorial

**Sunday, February 13, 2022**

**8:00am** - Worship

**9:30am** - Discipleship Groups

**10:40am** - Worship, Mariah Ruth Baptism

**2/16** - Youth Leadership Meeting

### A Look Ahead

**2/20** - NH Care Center

**2/27** - Chris Smith & Ryan Gerling's

Ordination - Luncheon

**3/8** - Yesterday's Kids - Potluck/NH

Care Center Items

**3/12** - MBC Loves New Haven Service

Projects

**4/1 - 7** - GAP Mission Trip

### Week of February 13, 2022

#### Joy Junction

**9:30am Sunday School** - Christine G.

**10:40am Svc.** - Julie & Lindsey S.

**Wednesday - February 16** - Mike C.

#### Junior Church

Chris S. - Laura S.

**Wed. February 16 - Kids' Connection**

Wendi N. - Linda W.

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#### Usher Ministry

**8:00am** - Steve G. - Kevin M.

**Sunday School**- Steve G.

**10:40am** - Tim R., Ed S., Sue R.

**Wednesday - 2/16** Dave G., Juanita H.

### Gap Mission Trip

If you plan to participate in the GAP mission trip to Eastern Kentucky, please submit a \$50 deposit by February 27. Give the deposit to Pastor Nathan or write a check to Memorial Baptist Church with "GAP" on the memo section and place it in the offering plate.

### Church Library

If you have interest in our church library, please take a moment to fill out the survey in the bulletin.

### Youth Leadership Meeting

There will be a meeting February 16 at 6:00pm in the youth room. If you are in grades 7 - 12 and are interested in being part of the youth student leadership team, contact Nathan.

### Deacon Ordination

Deacon ordination service for Chris Smith and Ryan Gerling will be February 27 at 1:00pm. There will be a luncheon following the 10:40am service.

### Mission Trip Opportunities

Please pray about participating in one of our 2022 mission trips!

**God's Appalachian Partnership** (Eastern Kentucky) - April 1-7, 2022. Block parties, construction, food distribution - \$200

**Madison, Wisconsin** - End of June 2022 - VBS, evangelism, encouragement to church planters (joint with Franklin Baptist Association)

**Freeport, Bahamas** - July 2022 - Work with Shiloh Baptist Church to do construction (many repairs from Hurricane Dorian), VBS, evangelism.

### VITAL SIGNS

**February 6, 2022**

Sunday School	70
Sunday AM Worship	141
Last Year	123
Virginia Mines Campus	36
Last Year	32

### Weekly Budget

Needed weekly	\$	7,638.09
Received	\$	7,987.56
Over (Under)	\$	349.47
Y-T-D Over (Under)	\$	(10,094.99)
Missions/FPG	\$	150.00
Buddy Bags	\$	50.00

### Week of February 20, 2022

#### Joy Junction

**9:30am Sunday School** - Ben & Kim S.

**10:40am Svc.** - Rachel & Lydia S.

**Wednesday - February 23** - Chris S.

#### Junior Church

Brenda K. - Lydia S.

**Wed. February 23 - Kids' Connection**

Wendi N. - Beleta P.

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#### Usher Ministry

**8:00am** - Gary S., Joe G.

**Sunday School**- Gary S.

**10:40am** - Chris S., Lester O., Curtiss C.

**Wednesday - 2/23** Duane B., Pat M.