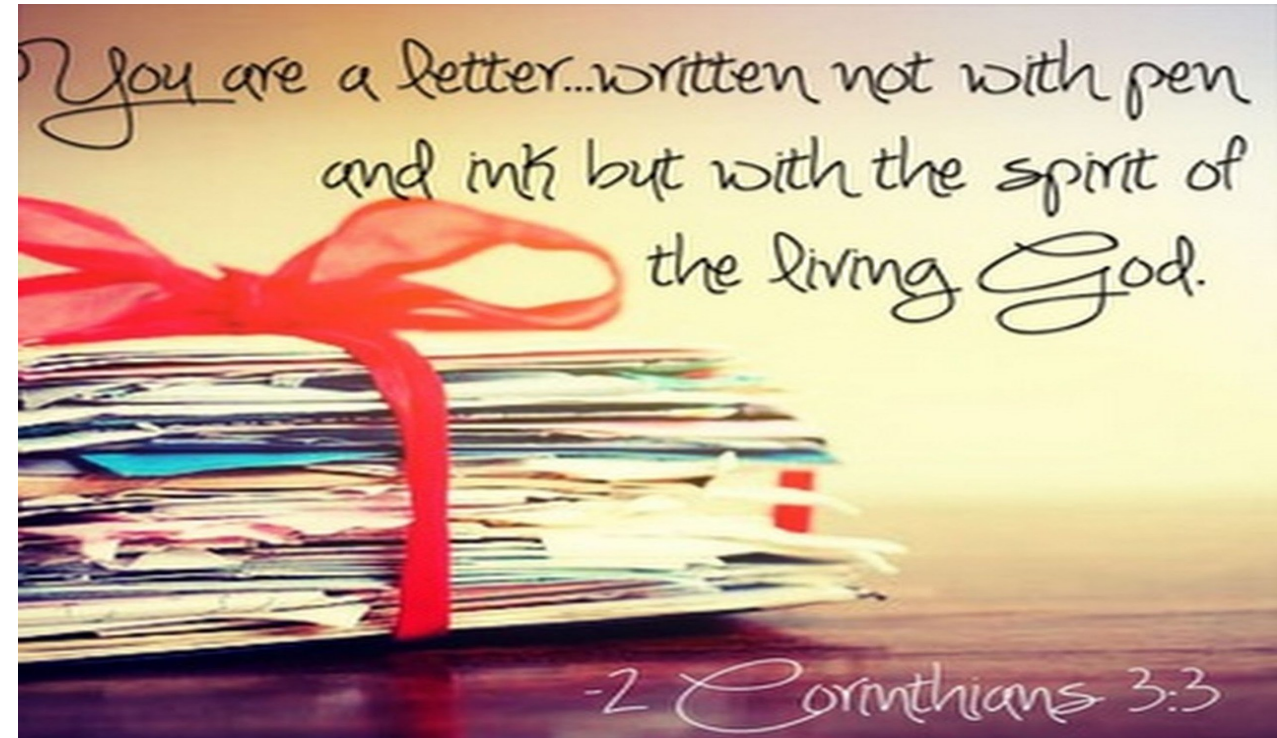




**Sunday, February 23rd, 2020  
Transfiguration Sunday**



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# LOOKING AHEAD



- SUNDAY - 2.23.20**
- 9:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
  - 10:15AM FELLOWSHIP .....FELLOWSHIP HALL
  - SUNDAY SCHOOL .....DOWNSTAIRS ROOMS AFTER .....SIGN-IN - FELLOWSHIP HALL
  - ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL .....LOWER LEVEL RM #2
  - 11:00AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

- MONDAY - 2.24.20**
- 9:00 AM YOGA WITH VICKY .....TOWN POINT

- TUESDAY - 2.25.20**
- 10:30AM LADIES BIBLE STUDY...MARY MEADOWS HOME
  - 4:00 PM KANAL KITCHEN FOR PARIS FOUNDATION
  - 5:00 PM SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER .....ST ROSE OF LIMA HALL
  - 7:00 PM SCOUT PARTNERSHIP MEETING.....ROOM #2

- ASH WEDNESDAY - 2.26.20**
- 6:30 PM ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP & BREAD DINNER .....EBENEZER AME CHURCH
  - 6:45 PM BOY SCOUT TROOP #336 COMMITTEE MTG (B. TOKASH).....ROOM #2
  - 6:45 PM BOY SCOUT TROOP MEETING (J. TOKASH).....FELLOWSHIP HALL
  - 7:00 PM ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE .....EBENEZER AME CHURCH

- THURSDAY - 2.27.20**
- 2:00 PM CAFÉ CONVERSATION.....CAFE ON THE BAY
  - 6:00 PM JW BAND REHEARSAL.....SANCTUARY
  - 7:30 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL.....SANCTUARY

Pastor Neil will be at the office or in the community the week of 2.23.2020:

SUNDAY:	8:30 AM	1:00 PM
TUESDAY:	11:00 AM	6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY:	10:00 AM	8:30 PM
THURSDAY:	11:00 AM	4:00 PM

Other hours may be available by appointment.

Pastor can be reached directly by phone at (610) 306-4094 from 9 am to 9 pm.

Note: Friday is Pastor Neil's usual "Sabbath" day off. Please call anytime with hospital or other emergencies



### YOU CAN HAVE NEW & ABUNDANT LIFE!

Jesus said, *"The time has come. . .The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"* (Mark 1:15 NIV)

And again, *"I have come so that they may have life, and have it more abundantly."* (John 10:10)

That includes you!

As recorded in John 3:16, *"For God so loved the world, he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."*

To have that abundant and eternal life simply, "Repent" or "turn" to God and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. You can do this in your heart by asking God's forgiveness of your sins (thoughts and actions which separate you from God's love and holiness).

A suggested prayer is: "Dear Jesus, forgive my sins and come into my heart. I receive you as my Savior and Lord." If you have said such a prayer, you are encouraged to join in further fellowship and learning as a follower of Jesus. Speak with Pastor Neil or others for more ways to connect.



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**“Older Than Youth”**

A group for Adults with fellowship and fun! Once a month on Friday night, join your fellow church family for games, fellowship, food and devotional. Kids welcome.

Next gathering: **Friday February 28th at 8 pm**

**Elk Lanes Bowling  
406 Bow St., Elkton**

For questions: contact  
Laura Logullo 410-441-1852  
or Katie Hoffman 610-621-7387

**Hope to see you there!!**

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**Upcoming:**

**ROTATING SHELTER**

**March 2nd to March 9th , 2020**

Sign-up sheets are still posted outside of our church office. As in years past, Tom Duffy also requests donations of socks that can be delivered anytime to the church: now and throughout March.

**Opportunities for serving:**

- ♥ Shelter Set Up
- ♥ Dinner Teams
- ♥ Breakfast donations
- ♥ Breakfast Team (Sat/Sun)
- ♥ Overnight supervisors
- ♥ Shelter Clean up and Move
- ♥ Intake Teams
- ♥ Kitchen Clean up
- ♥ Laundry Team

**For more information, contact:**

**Joyce Stansfield (443) 350-0484  
or Tom Duffy (443) 207-2517**



Whether you are here today as a guest, a seeker, a member, or friend, we're glad you're here!

It's our hope that you will experience God's love and blessing for you.

We invite you to complete a "Welcome" card and place it in the offering basket.

**Welcome Bags for Children:** Located at the rear of the Sanctuary is a basket holding welcome bags for children ages 8 and under. The contents of the bags may vary, but please feel free to take one for your child, to help hold their interest and allow you to keep yours during service. If you are able please return the bag, but the contents are your child's to keep as our gift to you.

**Our "His Little Hands":** supervised activities time during the sermon is located on the lower level, following the children's message, when two adult volunteers are scheduled and available to accompany them.

**Fellowship Time (10:00a-11:00a):** Everyone is welcome in the Fellowship Hall for a time to get to know one another better, catch up on their week, or plan ahead.

**Sunday School classes/groups** for all ages to learn, grow, share, and pray with others is held in the lower level from 10:15 -11:00am. Check this bulletin or website for **other small groups** which meet during the week.

Thursday night's Bible study, *Following Jesus*, will not be meeting on Thursdays during Lent. We will instead be attending the Lenten services with the CCEA and encourage everyone to join us for services and fellowship, while growing closer to Jesus during this time.



**General Conference Information Sessions**

Are you confused or concerned about the upcoming General Conference? Would you like to hear the latest information? Feel free to join your General and Jurisdictional delegation for a listening session. You have three to choose from:

- ◇ 2/29: 9a-12p - Community Church of Ocean Pines
- ◇ 3/7: 9a-12p - Connection Community Church, 4744 Summit Bridge Rd., Middletown
- ◇ 3/7: 2p-5p - St. Luke's UMC in Denton

We will have devotions, a brief presentation, and most of our time will be spent listening to your questions and comments.

**WINTER WEATHER ALERTS**

Should winter weather occur, we want to remind everyone that any announcements regarding worship cancellation or changes in events due to inclement weather will be posted in a timely manner on our website and on our answering message.



ATTENDANCE		STEWARDSHIP	
Last Week	80	Last Week	\$2,186.00
52-Week average attendance	86	Weekly Offering Needed	\$2,980.00
+/- attendance	-6	Weekly +/-	-\$794.00
		<b>Y-T-D +/-</b>	<b>-\$61.72</b>

**\*\*Your regular offerings are important for us to sustain our ministries and missions. If you are unable to attend worship, please remember the church with your prayers and contributions.**

February 23rd, 2020 Transfiguration Sunday		Next Sunday: March 1st, 2020 First Sunday in Lent	
9:00a	<b>Acolytes</b>	Doug Senn	Linda Stanton
	<b>Greeters</b>	Dorie & Rich Borrell	Tom Duffy Tucker Matthews
	<b>Worship Leader</b>	Karol Armstrong	Todd Harvey
	<b>Offertory Prayer</b>	Kathy Moran	Lisa Malin - Communion Bread
10:15a	<b>His Little Hands Children's Church</b>	Kathy Moran Barbara Lort	Dorie Borrell Tricia Keenan
	<b>Coffee</b>	Edna Wyatt	Jim Moran
11:00a	<b>Refreshments</b>	Barbara Lort Joyce Stansfield	Jim & Kathy Moran
	<b>Greeters</b>	<i>Servants Needed</i>	<i>Servants Needed</i>
	<b>His Little Hands Children's Church</b>	<i>Servants Needed</i>	<i>Servants Needed</i>
	<b>Communion Servers</b>	Edna Wyatt Paulette Husfelt	Carolyn McCumber Pastor Neil
	<b>Offering Basket</b>	Sally Sheldon	Ella Stansfield
	<b>Communion Bread</b>	Hope McCloskey	Kathy Moran
	<b>CCEA FOOD DELIVERY</b>	Don Hartwig	Oakley & Barb Blair

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS  
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**Chesapeake City Ecumenical Association  
2020 Lenten Service Schedule**

DATE	LOCATION	PRESIDER
Wednesday, February 26 Soup and Bread 6:30 Service 7:30 pm	Ebenezer AME Church Route 310, Woodstock Farm Ln South of Chesapeake City Rev. Cynthia Laurie	Rev. Cynthia Laurie (Ebenezer AME)
Wednesday, March 4 Service 7:00	Bethel AME Church 201 Second Street, Chesapeake City Rev. Christopher Brown	Rev. Volodymyr Klanichka (St. Basil Ukrainian Catholic Church)
Wednesday, March 11 Soup and Bread 6:30 Service 7:30 pm	St. Basil Ukrainian Catholic Church 231 Basil Avenue, Chesapeake City Rev. Volodymyr Klanichka	Deacon Michael Boyd (St. Joseph Parish)
Wednesday, March 18 Soup and Bread 6:30 Service 7:30 pm	1st Presbyterian Church 351 Biddle Street, Chesapeake City TBD	Rev. Neil Gutmaker (United Methodist Charge-Trinity)
Wednesday, March 25 Soup and Bread 6:30 pm Service 7:30 pm	St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church 301 Lock Street, Chesapeake City Msgr. David Kelley	Rev. Christopher Brown (Bethel AME Church)
Wednesday, April 1 Soup and Bread 6:30 pm Service 7:30 pm	United Methodist Charge (Trinity) 3rd & Bohemia, Chesapeake City Rev. Neil Gutmaker	Rev. Scott Burkley (Preaching Cohorts for First Presbyterian)
Wednesday, April 8 Soup and Bread 6:30 pm Service 7:30 pm	St. Peter's Anglican Church 1069 Frenchtown Rd, Elkton	Fr. Jack Clark (St. Peter's Anglican Church)
Good Friday, April 10 12:00 pm	S. Augustine Episcopal Church Rte. 310 & Milton, Chesapeake City	Rev. Bob Smith
Easter Sunday, April 12 Sunrise Service 6:30 am Breakfast after service @BWC	Pell Gardens Chesapeake City	Rev. Shane Dickinson (Bohemia Wesleyan Church)
Easter Sunday, April 12 Sunrise Service 6:30 am Breakfast after service	Town Point UMC 61 Port Herman Rd Chesapeake City	Rev. Jack Shitama (Director Camp & Re- treat Ministries United Methodist Church)

*Shrove Tuesday-Mardi Gras Themed*

*Pancake Dinner*

In Memory of Fr. Pippin

Augustine Parish and St. Rose of Lima are combining efforts to bring the community a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday.



Please join us for good food, fellowship and FUN!

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 from 5:00-7:00p

St. Rose of Lima Fellowship Hall

301 Lock Street, No. Chesapeake City, MD

**Meal includes:** Pancakes, sausages, applesauce, beverages & the "King's Cake"!

The meal is free (though "free will" offerings will be accepted).

The fellowship is priceless and open to any who would like to attend!



**Ash Wednesday Service**

Ebenezer AME  
68 Woodstock Farm Ln  
Chesapeake City

February 26th, 2020  
Soup & Bread Dinner at 6:30  
Followed by Service at 7:30



**THE 2020 CENSUS IS COMING**

The United States Census Bureau conducts a nationwide census every 10 years to count the people living in each state, county and town. Census forms should be arriving by mail at each home. There are nine questions about each person living in the home. All responses are kept strictly confidential. They are not allowed to give information about anyone and any private or government agency. This year, the Census Bureau will also be offering to respond online or by toll free telephone number. Responding to the Census is very important. The population statistics determine the amount of federal and state funding that comes to Cecil County. This has a direct effect on schools, libraries, and many federal program that help our families such as Medicaid, WIC, SNAP and CHP.

**CensusMaryland**


**The number of residents helps to ensure that Cecil County has adequate services such as public health, public safety and emergency planning.**

**In 2010, more than 25% of Cecil County residents did not participate in the Census.**

**As a result, Cecil County lost \$1,800 for each person who was not counted.**

**Please help our community by ensuring that your family is counted in the 2020 Census.**

Please call the Cecil County Council for more information at 410.996.5201 or email at: council@ccgov.org

2/21/2020	<b>CCEA FOOD PANTRY NEEDS</b>
Donation Hours:  	Tues & Wed 9-12 @CCEA Complex, 227 Basil Ave. CCEA Churches during their normal operating hours.  Items in <b>Bold</b> – completely out of item. Shaded – stock is low. Items noted with the asterisk* are least donated and most needed.  Thank you for your <b>food donations</b> unfortunately food went out faster than it arrived  Keep the <b>Redner's</b> receipts coming! Rebates from those receipts help pay for food that we purchase to support pantry needs. Donation of Redner's receipts are down. We received over \$500 in receipts that were unusable. Please your Redner's Reward Card!
Bakery items*:	Shelf stable cookies, Mixes: cake, brownie, cornbread, biscuit, or muffin, flour, pie shells
Condiments:	Sugar, salt, pepper, mustard, ketchup, spices, mayo, salad dressings, marinade packets
Jelly*:	Small to medium sizes
Personal care:	Laundry Detergent, Bar Soap
Vegetables (canned):	Potatoes, Carrots, Spinach, Peas, Tomatoes, Beets, Yams, Baked beans
<b>Ministry Moment:</b> ◆ Founders Scholarships	Founded in 2008, we provide 1 to 3, \$500.00 scholarships annually thru Cecil College. The scholarships can be applied to certificate courses such as welding; CDL; HVAC or degree courses. We are aiming to raise a minimum of \$1000 in the month of February to cover at least 2 scholarship awards for the year ahead. <b>YOU</b> can be a part of the bridges being built.
<b>Home &amp; Clothing Pantry</b>  Please donate clothing that is clean and in good condition.	<b>The Home &amp; Clothing Pantry needs the following items:</b>  Blankets-all sizes, <u>please NO throws or afghans at this time</u>  Pots & Pans  Bath Towels- <u>please no wash clothes or hand towels at this time</u>
<b>Upcoming Events:</b>	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Feb 25, 5-7 pm, St. Rose Hall, 301 Lock St., Chesapeake City Ash Wednesday Service, Ebenezer AME Church, Route 310, Feb 26. Soup and Bread at 6:30, Service at 7:30. CCEA Board Meeting, March 24 at 6:30 – 8 PM CCEA Spring Tea, May 3 <sup>rd</sup> , watch for details
<b>News Notes</b>	Thanks to Chesapeake City Elementary School Food Drive, our food needs are few this week. We received 438 lbs of food. Great job was done by staff and children.

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**  
February 23, 2020—Transfiguration Sunday

**GATHERING** Afton Kreush

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Karol Armstrong

**MISSION MOMENT** Rotating Homeless Shelter

**PRELUDE** As we bring in the light of Christ, and as the music plays, reflect on these words from 2 Corinthians 3:1-2 . . . "Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, like some people, letters of recommendation to you or from you? **YOU, yourselves are our letter written on our hearts and ready by everybody.**"

**OPENING PRAYER** Pastor Neil

(\*Please stand as able.)  
**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (BOW #450) Karol Armstrong

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
**This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.**  
The hour is coming, and now is, when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him.  
**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!**  
**Give thanks to him, bless his name!** (THE BOOK OF WORSHIP 1965, ALT.)

**\*OPENING HYMN** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH #384

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Karol Armstrong  
Most gracious and loving God of all, at times we do harm to others as well as ourselves, by our words or actions. We sometimes fail to do all the good we can, when opportunities are available in many ways, times and places. We do not always take the time to grow our relationship of knowing and loving you.  
**Forgive us, O God, help us to draw ever closer to you and others in receiving and sharing the love which comes from you. In the name of Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.** (NG 2/23/20)  
*Please share in a Moment of Silence as we confess our sins to God.*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND FORGIVENESS** Karol Armstrong  
Hear the good news. As a loving parent, God receives us as we are. By the power of his Word and Spirit, our lives are transformed as beloved children of God, in whom God is well pleased!  
**Thanks be to God! Amen!** (NG 2/23/20)

**\*GLORIA PATRI** (\*Please stand as able) UMH #70  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**  
*All may turn to those near you and offer words and signs of Christ's peace.*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Mikki Senn

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*You Are Lord*

Choir

**SCRIPTURE READING**

2 Corinthians 3:3 (Pew Bible pg. #1302)

Karol Armstrong

**MESSAGE**

"Love Letters"

Deborah Forsythe

**\*RESPONSIVE HYMN**

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

UMH #557

**GIVING BACK TO GOD**

Tithes & Offerings

**\*DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Pastor Neil

**BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

UMH #292

**\*SENDING FORTH WITH BLESSING**

Pastor Neil

**RECESSIONAL**

*Shalom to You*

UMH #666

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.

May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving,

Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

**"JACOB'S WELL" CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP  
FEBRUARY 23RD, 2020 - TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MISSION MOMENT**

ROTATING SHELTER - JOYCE STANSFIELD

**GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

**SONGS OF PRAISE & WORSHIP**

**A MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN**

**MESSAGE**

"LOVE LETTERS" - DEBORAH FORSYTHE

**SHARING THE BREAD & THE CUP**

If you feel led to pray, please come to the Altar.

Please approach from the Center Aisle.

Place your tithes and offerings in the basket, if desired,  
receive the Elements, then return to your pew via the Side Aisle

**SENDING FORTH WITH BLESSING**

**CLOSING MUSIC**

\*Bible Verses, Song Lyrics, etc. are shown on screen. Feel free to use a Pew Bible or your own.

Jacob's Well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well....Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

John 4:6 & 10

**EAR PLUGS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BACK**