

Blessings Overflow For Our Annual Bazaar!

We had another wonderful Christmas Bazaar in November. God has blessed us with a loving and giving church family! Thank you to all who supported by donating, attending, helping and the fellowship!

In addition to our church family support we were also blessed by the generosity of many local merchants. Please give a prayer of thanks to the merchants noted here. In addition keep them in mind through out the year for their kindness!

Chesapeake City Merchants

Bakers Restaurant, Brantwood Deli, The Bayard House, Chesapeake Hair Studio, Chesapeake Inn, The Crab Shack Seafood, Café on The Bay, Kerry Dazevedo Realtor, Marias Restaurant, Serenity Spa, and Camp Pecometh (Centreville MD)



Elkton Merchants

Cecil County YMCA, Chick-Fil-A, Elkton Batting Cage and Driving Range, Fair Hill Florist, and Kids First Swimming



Middletown DE Merchants

Cantwell Tavern (Odessa) Lums Pond Vet Hospital, (Rte. 40 Newark), Limestone BBQ (Newark) Metro Diner, Red Robin, Texas Road House, Two Stones Pub, and The Green Turtle.



The Chesapeake City United Methodist Charge

SUN., WORSHIP SERVICES

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
 9 a.m., Trinity
 450 Third Street
 South Chesapeake City

SUNDAY SCHOOL
 10:15 a.m., Trinity
 Lower Level Class Rooms

JACOB'S WELL CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
 11:00 a.m., Trinity
 450 Third Street
 South Chesapeake City



THE BRIDGE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CHESAPEAKE CITY UNITED METHODIST CHARGE
 JANUARY 2020

We are a Community called to Invite people to Jesus Christ, Grow Disciples of Jesus Christ and Show the love of Jesus Christ.



Dear Church Family & Friends of CCUMC,

What a wonderful blessing to be in worship once again with so many at both of our Contemporary and Traditional services on Christmas Eve!

As 2019 ends and 2020 begins, I remember some of the expectation and apprehension of 1999, as we moved into the new millennium. I expect that most of us old enough remember where we were on the eve of that transition into "Y2K." I personally remember having a watch night service at the church I was serving, and even performing an adult baptism.

As we look back at the past twenty years, our country and world have faced and experienced many challenges and changes... 9/11, economic expansion and prosperity, financial collapse and the great recession, and now the longest economic expansion in U.S. history, amidst national and global political division and stress. There are also other continued concerns and uncertainty in our United Methodist Denomination.

I expect too, that this year, and moving into another decade, brings mixed hopes, expectations, and apprehensions to many people for various reasons. Yet the good news always remains... God is with us, Emmanuel! And God will continue to guide us with His light and love.

In thinking of the year ahead, "2020," perhaps it will be a year of clearer or "perfect" vision, "20/20," in some ways. One thing we can be sure of, as we follow the light of Jesus Christ in faith, God will lead our way into new and better possibilities still to come and unfold.

Come and join together this month as we join in praise & worship each week, connect in fellowship, grow in study & discussion, and reach out in loving service to others.

With the love of One, in Christ,

Pastor Neil

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY EDITION:

Newsletter articles for the **FEBRUARY EDITION** will be due to Belinda Bair @retiredlittchr@gmail.com by **Wednesday, January 15th, 2020.** We welcome submissions for young and old alike and encourage our church family to send in your poems, interesting information on upcoming area-wide events, etc.





Many thanks for the prayers, cards, gifts, and other expressions of love, care and support received from our church family at CCUMC this Christmas Season.

~ Pastor Neil & Karen

Safe Sanctuaries



I am pleased to say that all of those who are currently serving or desire to serve in our children and youth ministries have their current Background Clearance Check required by our Safe Sanctuaries Policy.

Many have also had their annual Safe Sanctuaries Training, and those who have not are urged to take it at the District Leadership Training on February 1 (see announcement on page 3.)

Our Safe Sanctuaries Policy is available to parents upon request, and an orientation to it will be coming soon.

- Pastor Neil

FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING

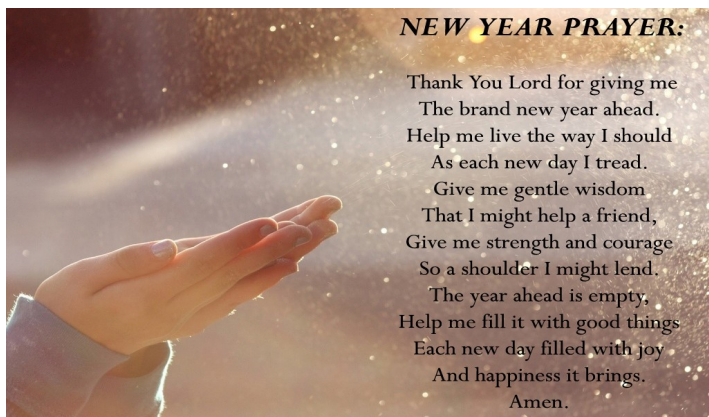
Save the date. . . **Saturday, February 22** we plan to have a required training for all those volunteering with children and youth in our church ministries. The training will be led by Kathy Moran, **beginning at 10am**, lasting only 2 hours or less, with a short break in between.



More time details to come, for those needing only one or the other training.

Please let Kathy (410-920-1546) or Pastor Neil (610-306-4094) know of your plan to attend ASAP.

Thanks & Blessings!



NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.



Consecrating Our Gifts to God for 2020

Thanks to all of you who completed and submitted your estimate of giving or commitment response forms for 2020, whether in person at church or through the mail.

As of today, 10 adults submitted ministry menu intentions, and 22 households, representing 31 adults indicated estimates of giving totaling \$79,570. This is 38% of our proposed budget of \$209,365 for next year, and just over half of our expected General Fund Offerings for 2020.

It's not too late — if you would like to do so, please request them from the church office. If you picked them up at church, please respond as soon as possible so that we may have better knowledge of your intentions to support your church ministries through prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness in this new year. Knowing your intentions helps our church leaders to better plan our budget and other ministry support needs! It takes all of us as the body of Christ to fulfill our mission in Him.

May your blessings abound!

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“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”

1 Corinthians 12:27



Help Camp Pecometh with an In-Kind Donation

If you have used items that are in good working condition, we may be able to put them to good use at Camp Pecometh. Right now, we have two specific needs:

- Washers, dryers, refrigerators and push mowers. We can never have too many of these. We use them mainly for the summer camp program, but now is good time for us to come pick them up, before the warm weather comes. Contact Bud-d Landing at@pecometh.org
- Nikon digital cameras, either the D3300, Coolpix B700 or Coolpix B500 for our Photography Camp. Some of our campers are not able to afford a camera needed to get the full experience from this camp program. Contact Jack Shitama at@pecometh.org, if you have one of these models (or equivalent) or you'd like to find out how you can help.

Automobiles, computers and monitors, farm implements, golf carts that still have a lot of use left in them. These are also

JANUARY 2020 - SERVANTS

Called to Serve 9 a.m.	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
Worship Leader	Tom Duffy	Cheryl Hartwig	Marian Harvey	Lisa Malin
His Little Hands	Amy Potter Laura Logullo	Kathy Moran Servant Needed	Servants Needed	Servants Needed
Offertory Prayer	Beth Ohline	Todd Harvey	Victoria Foraker	Mikki Senn
Acolytes	Karol Armstrong	Karol Armstrong	Karol Armstrong	Karol Armstrong
Greeters	Lisa Malin Kay Redding	Lisa Malin Kay Redding	Lisa Malin Kay Redding	Lisa Malin Kay Redding
Fellowship				
Coffee	Jim Moran	Edna Wyatt	Ohline Family	Edna Wyatt
Refreshments	Jim & Kathy Moran	Edna Wyatt Joyce Stansfield	Ohline Family	Joyce Stansfield Barbara Lort
11 a.m.				
Greeter	Servants Needed	Servants Needed	Servants Needed	Servants Needed
His Little Hands	Servants Needed	Servants Needed	Michelle Hemelt Servant Needed	Vicky Wolfenden Servant Needed
Communion	Pastor Neil Andrew Russel	Kim Smith Michelle Hemelt	Jason Wolfenden Vicky Wolfenden	Edna Wyatt Sally Sheldon
Offering Basket	Ella Stansfield	Andrew Hemelt	Jason Wolfenden Jr	Paulette Husfelt
Bread	Kathy Moran	Kim Smith	Vicky Wolfenden	Hope McCloskey
CCEA Food Delivery	Don Hartwig	Lisa Horkey	Marian & Todd Harvey	Servant Needed

**WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES SCHEDULE
JANUARY 2020**

Tuesdays :
10:30 am - Ladies Bible Study - Mary Meadows Home

Wednesdays :
10:30 am - Pastor's Bible Study - Pastor's Office

6:30 pm - "The Journey" Reconciling Group meets at the Barteld's House

Thursdays :
6:00 pm - "Following Jesus" - Town Point Annex



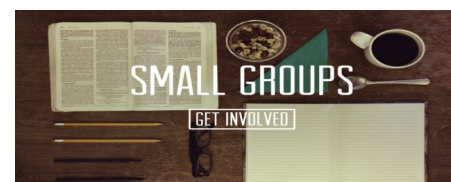
See Page 3 for more information on these groups

January

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Traditional Worship Sundays 9:00a
Fellowship Coffee Hour Sundays 10:00-11:00a
Sunday School All Ages 10:15-11:00a Lower Level
Jacob's Well Contemporary Worship Sundays 11:00a

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5 EPIPHANY SUNDAY 5:30p - Tiger Den Mtg Fellowship Hall 7:00p - Cub Pack Comm Mtg -(TP)	6 9:00a- Yoga w/Vicky - Town Point	7 10:30a- Ladies Bible Study-(M Meadows)	8 10:30a - Pastor's Bible Study 6:30p - "The Journey" Bible Study Barteld Home 6:30p - Troop 336 Mtgs (Hall & room 2)	9 6:00p - JW Band Rehearsal-TR 6:00p- Following Jesus bible study (TP) 7:30p - Choir practice Sanctuary	10	11
12 BAPTISM OF THE LORD	13 9:00a- Yoga w/Vicky - Town Point 7:00pm - Finance Committee Meeting - room 2	14 10:30a- Ladies Bible Study-(M Meadows) 5:30p- 4H Meeting (TP)	15 10:30a - Pastor's Bible Study 6:30p - Webelos II den Mtg - room 5 6:30p - "The Journey" Bible Study Barteld Home 6:30p - Troop 336 Mtgs (Hall & room 2)	16 6:00p- Following Jesus bible study (TP) 6:00p - JW Band Rehearsal-TR 7:30p - Choir practice Sanctuary	17	18
19 HUMAN RELATIONS DAY 6:30p - Cub Pack Mtg (Fellowship Hall)	20 MLK JR BIRTHDAY 9:00a- Yoga w/Vicky - Town Point 6:30p-Men's Dinner (FH) 	21 10:30a- Ladies Bible Study-(M Meadows) 6:30p-Caring Comm (4) 7:00p-Church Council meeting (4)	22 10:30a - Pastor's Bible Study 6:30p - "The Journey" Bible Study Barteld Home 6:30p - Troop 336 Mtgs (Hall & room 2)	23 6:00p- Following Jesus bible study (TP) 6:00p - JW Band Rehearsal-TR 7:30p - Choir practice Sanctuary	24	25
26 ECUMENICAL SUNDAY	27 9:00a- Yoga w/Vicky - Town Point	28 10:30a- Ladies Bible Study-(M Meadows) 4:00pm - Kanal Kitchen 6:30p - CCEA Board Meeting (CCEA Complex, Basil Ave)	29 10:30a - Pastor's Bible Study 6:30p - "The Journey" Bible Study Barteld Home 6:30p - Troop 336 Mtgs (Hall & room 2)	30 6:00p- Following Jesus bible study (TP) 6:00p - JW Band Rehearsal-TR 7:30p - Choir practice Sanctuary	31	



SMALL GROUPS INTRODUCTION

Kathy Moran is now the Small Groups Coordinator, and she or a group member will be sharing a "Small Group Moment" during worship each month on the third Sunday. December was our first talk and we shared about the Women's group, the Ladies Bible Study, which meets at Mary Meadows home on Tuesday mornings at 10:30am. This time offers those who can't drive in the dark an opportunity to join a study. This group usually has 5-6 participants and will be entering a study on the Book of Revelation in the new year. Please note that the ladies feel guided by the Holy Spirit to focus on a prayer list also, but anyone can join at any time, and some of the ladies only come at certain times of the year. The contact person is Mary Meadows, 410-885-3524.

Please explore the various study groups for one that fits you and just come.



Join us for "The Journey" as we explore the upcoming changes in the United Methodist Church and how we will adapt to those changes. Join us as we discuss how to become a Reconciling Group and what that means for the future of our church. All are welcome. We meet next Jan 8 at the Barteld's house in Port Herman at 6:30 pm.

Ladies' Bible Study

Hosted every Tuesday at 10:30a in the home of Mary Meadows. This study is open to women who are interested in a deeper understanding and faith walk. We are currently using *Jesus Calling: Experiencing God's Presence*. Come for a visit, stay for the growth. Bring your prayer concerns and we'll lift them with you.



If you need additional information, please call 410-885-5641

Following Jesus Steps to a Passionate Faith"
 Led by Wes & Laura Logullo Thursdays at 6:00p at Town Point

Wilmington District LEADERSHIP TRAINING 2020

Sponsored by the Wilmington District Board of Laity

Saturday, February 1, 2020
 8:30 am – 12:00 noon

Christ the Cornerstone, Wilmington
 6 N Clifton Ave, Wilmington, DE 19805

ALL NEW AND/OR RETURNING CHAIRS & MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

Online registration \$10.00 per person includes materials distributed at workshop

Workshops Available: (Choose One)

- Pastor Parish Relations (SPRC)
- Finance
- Safe Sanctuary
- Evangelism
- Trustee
- Lay Leadership
- Prayer & Healing

Registration 8:30am – 9:00am
 Opening Worship - 9:00am

Registration Deadline – January 28, 2020

Go to <http://www.wilmingtondistrict.org> to register or click below.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE](#)

If you need assistance with online registration please email the registrar at <mailto:wilmdistrictlaityregistrar@gmail.com>

COME WORSHIP WITH US SUNDAYS IN JANUARY

9:00 am - Traditional - 11:00 am - Contemporary

- 5th : Epiphany Sunday
- 12th : Baptism of the Lord
- 19th : Human Relations Day
- 26th : Ecumenical Sunday



Other important dates in January:

- 1st : Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus
- 6th : Epiphany of the Lord
- 18th - 25th: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 20th : Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday



PARIS FOUNDATION NEWS

submitted by Mikki Senn

Well, another year has rolled around, and our church did its part to feed the hungry. Preparing and serving a hot, filling meal and watching people eat it all up is incredibly satisfying for all involved. It is a very pure expression of love for our neighbors. The Paris Foundation team shared this meal eight times, as usual, hosting an average of 80 people each time. That's a lot of love.

Here is how it works. The Chesapeake City Charge is assigned the fourth Tuesday of each month. (The first month of each quarter – January, March, June, and October – and any fifth Tuesdays are assigned to another church). We have a file of successful meals in case the preparers don't want to get creative. One or two of us go shopping a day or two before our Tuesday. On the day of the fourth Tuesday we cook at Trinity beginning around noon. Then we load the food in a car and ride it up to the Paris Foundation on Bridge Street in Elkton. Once there we set up the food buffet style. Serving begins promptly at 5:00. The directors of the Paris Foundation act as emcees.

We wash up the transfer pots and pans as they are emptied. By 5:45 the meal has disappeared. We clean off the counters and tables, put up the chairs, and are out by 6:00. One of the team is assigned to bring cleaned pots and pans back to church. There are helpers at the Paris Foundation who help us out and direct our efforts. No one on the team does it all. We all take on roles such as cooking, or transporting and serving, or clean up and wash up. In addition, membership on the team changes slightly from time to time depending on availability. This keeps things light and fun.

Where can you fit in? Join the team, even for one meal. Provide eggs, cookies, brownies, or money at any time to the right recipient (Mikki, the Trinity kitchen freezer, the office respectively). Check to see if you have coats, gloves, hats, or socks that these clients would welcome. They are home as well as food insecure. Very few are there month after month. Many cycle in and out of that dining room, depending on their circumstances.

I want to give special thanks to helpers this year. I am afraid I will miss some because so many do their bit quietly, but here goes: Barbara Lort as back up kitchen elf and food supplier, Joyce Stansfield as server and clean up crew even when in a sling, Pastor Neil as food transporter, server, and clean up, Jeanne Tracey as cook, server, cleaner, Doug Senn as transporter, server, cleaner, the Lovetts for all the eggs – kudos to “the girls” for their heroic efforts, Jim Moran for donating prepared and packaged venison every Christmas, and all the quiet cookie bakers who wordlessly leave dozens of goodies in the freezer for us throughout the year. You know Jesus must be smiling at your cheerful work.

It is a good and right thing to help the Paris Foundation provide a safety net for a vulnerable group in our community without judging them. It really is what we are called to do, so please consider joining the effort. You won't be sorry.

College Care Packages: We Need Addresses!!



The Caring Committee is once again extending our caring efforts to those in our parish that are attending school away from home. We are requesting the name, mailing address (college mailing address) and email

address of your child who is attending now, the Fall of 2019. Our purpose is to support them with thoughts and prayers as they continue on their life journey and to remind them that our church family is always here for them.

A “care package” will be sent! Please email your student's name and college mailing address to Marian Harvey at mariantodddharvey@gmail.com or give it to the CCUMC church office addressed to the attention of the Caring Committee.

Thank you!

Middle/High School Youth Group Dates: January 2020



January 10-12 2020 4:00pm – leave Trinity - “Inseparable”

Upcoming: ROTATING SHELTER



March 2nd to March 9th , 2020

Sign-up sheets will be posted outside our church office in January.

For more information, contact: Joyce Stansfield (443) 350-0484 or Tom Duffy (443-207-2517

CHESAPEAKE CITY ECUMENICAL ASSOCIATION

It is because of you, the donors, and volunteers; the community groups like the VFW and Lions Club and the merchants of Chesapeake City that we, as an organization, can continue to serve as the much needed bridge between government service agencies and the actual community needs.

By the time 2019 closes, we will have served over 800 boxes of food from our pantry, with every month bringing in new clients. We will have issued checks amounting to several thousands of dollars to keep families in place; utilities on; occasionally purchasing medication for seniors and most importantly connecting with our clients. We were able to provide toys to 40+ families thru the Toy Giveaway. The CCUMC church also provided over \$400.00 in gift cards, which were distributed to grateful families in time for Christmas shopping!

For 2020, our target is to streamline our efforts; update our processing for clients and build our volunteer base. Bill Campbell, our Public Liaison / Donor Coordinator is working to introduce our agency to businesses and other organizations in an effort to build our support for both The CCEA and The Generation Station. He is introducing us to an expanded community and we are grateful for his dedication.

There are numerous opportunities for YOU to support us. Financially allows us to meet those crisis requests when the monthly expenses exceed the monthly income; food donations keep the pantry shelves stocked and often bridges the gap that food stamps and personal funding cannot meet; attending our functions like the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner, allows us to raise additional funds.

Thank you never seems to be enough, but know you are treasured and remembered in our prayers of thanksgiving.

Deborah Forsythe, President

CCEA VOLUNTEER NEEDED: Volunteer with Administrative and Computer skills needed.

The CCEA is in need of a talented person with MS Office experience; help with record keeping and willing to learn new tasks as needed.

Preferred availability: Tues & Weds. from 9:00a to noon. Must be comfortable working in a busy environment and with a range of people.

Please contact president@ccea4u.com



SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATES

God has heard our prayers and our Sunday school numbers are slowly growing! What a blessing it is. Please keep those prayers coming as it would be nice to need to break out into separate classes again.

We had a great time on the hayride with about 25 people chilling around the fire. Many thanks again to the Lovetts for hosting this event.

The Christmas play this year was “Twinkle the Christmas Star.” We had many first time performers this year and hope you enjoyed the play.

I also wanted to thank everyone for their generosity with helping us replenish our supplies. My church family never ceases to amaze me.

Your sister in Christ, Lisa Malin



Enjoy a time of fellowship with other men in our church family. Someone brings the main course and others bring sides and drinks



Saturday, January 11th, 2020 4 - 7 pm Chesapeake City VFW

\$10 adults in advance \$12 at the door Children under 5 eat free! Spaghetti, meatballs, salad, dessert & iced tea Takeout available Tickets / takeout: www.ccea4u.com All proceeds benefit the Chesapeake City Ecumenical Association Food Pantry - a registered 501 (c) (3).