

A letter from Wilmington District:

February 12, 2020

Dear Rev. Gutmaker,

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I am writing with great gratitude to express appreciation for Trinity United Methodist Church having paid 100% of its Annual Conference and District Office Apportionments in 2019. Please help your congregation understand the ministries that are supported by paying your apportionments.

Conference and District Office Apportionments are a significant component of our connectional system. They provide ministry and support toward making our congregations healthier in ways that no single church can achieve alone. A few examples of ministries made possible through our connectional giving are:

- World Service (various mission projects)
- Black College Fund
- Ministerial Education Fund
- Leadership Effectiveness Workshops
- New Congregational Development
- Young People's Ministries
- Strengthening the Black Church
- Communications
- Spiritual Formation and Discipleship
- Interfaith Resource Center
- Salisbury Urban Ministries
- Christian Service and Missions
- Outreach and Evangelism
- Advocacy Resource Team
- Neighborhood House
- Methodist Action Program
- Retired Clergy Benefits
- Campus Ministries at Wesley College  
Delaware State University, University  
Delaware, University of Maryland,  
Eastern Shore, and Salisbury University

Paying our apportionments is one expression of our Christian stewardship, and a definite dimension of our discipleship. Thank you for your effective ministry, as together we seek to expand the kingdom of God.

Shalom,  
Rev. Joseph W.A. Archie, III  
Wilmington District Superintendent

## The Chesapeake City United Methodist Charge

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**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  
MARCH 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,

Change

*I remember learning an expression in my childhood which described the month of March in our area. "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." It was of course referring to the great change from the blustery winds usually accompanying the beginning of the month, and the gentle breeze or calmer air towards the end of the month. Considering this winter has been so mild, and the apparently reality of climate change, I wonder what this month will bring as winter gives way to spring.*

*I believe most of us who live in regions where there are distinct changes in the seasons come to feel a sense of rhythm in nature and life. We rely on the changes, though we may prefer particular seasons over others. The change — and its regularity — is something we look forward to. We may feel something is missing if we have only a mild winter — or no winter at all!*

*So it is with changes in life. Whether it be the seasons of life itself (birth, childhood, youth, stages of adulthood, and death) or the many other changes of circumstances in life (relationships, vocation, location, etc.), change is a natural and necessary part of living and growing. But this reality also presents a paradox, in that "too much" change (within a short time) can be unsettling and disturbing.*

*In our spiritual life and in our growth as Christians, it helps to practice regular disciplines such as worship, Bible study, prayer and meditation, service, and conferring with other Christians. We often do these in particular ways.*

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**NOTICE:**

THE EMAIL ADDRESS FOR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS HAS CHANGED.  
PLEASE SEND ALL NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION REQUESTS TO:  
[NEWSLETTER@CHESAPEAKECITYUMC.COM](mailto:NEWSLETTER@CHESAPEAKECITYUMC.COM)

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR APRIL EDITION:**  
Newsletter articles for the **APRIL EDITION** will be due to Belinda Bair at [newsletter@chesapeakecityumc.com](mailto:newsletter@chesapeakecityumc.com) by **Wednesday, March 18th, 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.

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Peanut Butter			
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Call (410) 885-5641 with questions.

**Pick up will be Sunday, April 5-Fellowship Hall-8:45a thru Noon**



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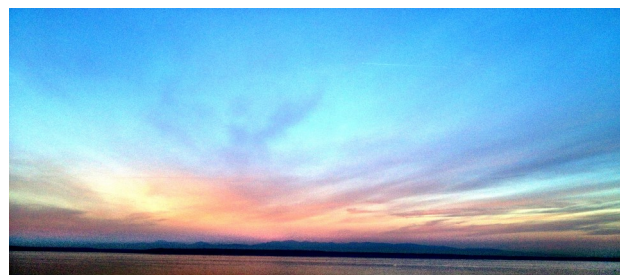
But change is also a necessary part of the process if we hope to grow in our faith and its expressions. The Bible is filled with examples of individuals and groups of people, including the early disciples and later the church, who grew as a result of positive change.

Sometimes these changes were radical or drastic, as in ceasing harmful behaviors or associations with certain persons. At other times they were formed over time with repeated practice and devotion, as described above.

The good news is that in Jesus Christ change is made easier! Another way to make effective changes easier is to replace bad/harmful habits with good/healthy ones. The same can be said of personal relations with others in sharing or demonstrating God's love in our world. The season of Lent is an especially appropriate time to reflect on the changes affecting us or which need to be made in ourselves, and ask Christ to help us and others grow by them.

With the love of One, in Christ,

*Pastor Neil*



## Rising In The Morning

When you rise in the morning, what fills your head?

Are you thinking of food and drink,  
the pleasures ahead?

Are you planning the work you must do,  
the labor ahead?

Are you fearful of snares and dangers,  
the evils ahead?

Let all those worldly thoughts swirl in your mind;

Then let them flush away, like dirt in a river.

Empty your head; Let your brain be at peace.

Quietly, calmly, serenely, Offer the day to God.

- Celtic Praise, © 1998, Abingdon Press

## Celebrate and Grow Through Worship . . .

As we journey through the Season of Lent this year, with Sundays still a celebration of the risen Christ, through Holy Week to Easter/Resurrection Sunday, our worship will include a **sermon series** . . .

### “Living the Lord’s Prayer”

Opportunities to practice “Acts of Kindness” in response to each week’s message will be given, with an invitation to return to share a witness of God’s love and grace experienced in action.

### Please join us on . . .

#### March 1 ... First Sunday in Lent

- † “God, our Father”
- † Holy Communion at both services

#### March 8 ..... Second Sunday in Lent

- † “In Heaven, Hallowed be Your Name”
- † Daylight Savings Time Begins!

#### March 15 ..... Third Sunday in Lent

- † “Your Kingdom Come. Your Will Be Done”
- † Celtic Christianity Sunday - Join in praise of God as we remember the special contributions made by St. Patrick and others to our Christian faith and heritage. Selected hymns, prayers, and other acts of worship will be used at the traditional service.

#### March 22 ..... Fourth Sunday in Lent

- † “Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread”

#### March 29 ..... Fifth Sunday in Lent

- † “Forgive Us . . . As We Forgive”
- † COMBINED WORSHIP at Town Point



*Lent* The Season of Lent, which began on Feb. 26th, is the forty-day period (excluding Sundays) preceding Easter. Lent is traditionally a time of prayer, fasting and extra devotion in preparation of the celebration of the Easter Resurrection Season. Like our Lord’s forty days in the desert before he began his public ministry, the forty days of Lent encourage us to reflect on our own humanity and mortality, and to focus on that which draws us to the spiritual and divine, within and beyond us.

## MARCH 2020 - SERVANTS

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29 Combined Worship 10 am Town Point
<b>9 a.m.</b>					
Worship Leader	Todd Harvey	Mikki Senn	Gwenn Barteld	John Redding	
His Little Hands	Dorie Borrell Tricia Keenan	Amy Potter Barbara Lort	<i>Servants Needed</i>	Kathy Moran Kathi Silicato	
Offertory Prayer	Lisa Malin Communion Bread	Cheryl Hartwig	Marian Harvey	Tom Duffy	
Acolytes	Linda Stanton				
Greeters	Tom Duffy Tucker Matthews				
<b>Fellowship</b>					
Coffee	Jim Moran	Edna Wyatt	JoAnn & George Lovett	Edna Wyatt	
Refreshments	Jim & Kathy Moran	Edna Wyatt Joyce Stansfield		Joyce Stansfield Barbara Lort	
<b>11 a.m.</b>					
Greeter	<i>Servants Needed</i>	<i>Servants Needed</i>	<i>Servants Needed</i>	<i>Servants Needed</i>	
His Little Hands	<i>Servants Needed</i>	<i>Servants Needed</i>	<i>Servants Needed</i>	<i>Servants Needed</i>	<i>Servants Needed</i>
Communion	Pastor Neil Carolyn McCumber	Kim Smith Michelle Hemelt	Hope McCloskey Joyce Stansfield	Edna Wyatt Sally Sheldon	Jason Wolfenden Vicky Wolfenden
Offering Basket	Ella Stansfield	Andrew Hemelt	Allen McCloskey	Mary Jane Titter	Jason Wolfenden Jr.
Bread	Kathy Moran	Kim Smith	Hope McCloskey	Hope McCloskey	Vicky Wolfenden
CCEA Food Delivery	Oakley & Barb Blair	Oakley & Barb Blair	Karol Armstrong	Joe Schnatz	Tom Duffy

## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES SCHEDULE MARCH 2020

### Tuesdays :

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

### Wednesdays :

**10:30 am** - Pastor’s weekly Wednesday bible study will resume in April.

**6:30 pm** - “The Journey” Reconciling Group will resume on April 15th.

### Thursdays :

**6:00 pm** - “Following Jesus” will resume on April 16th-



See Page 3 for more information on these groups



# March









**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**

**Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat**

<b>1</b> ROTATING SHELTER  7:00p - Pack Committee (Town Point)	<b>2</b> ROTATING SHELTER  9:00a - Yoga with Vicky (Town Point)	<b>3</b> ROTATING SHELTER  10:30a - Ladies Bible Study (Meadows Home)	<b>4</b> ROTATING SHELTER  7:00p - Lenten Service (Bethel AME)	<b>5</b> ROTATING SHELTER  6:00p - JW Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:30p - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	<b>6</b> ROTATING SHELTER 	<b>7</b> ROTATING SHELTER   DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD
<b>8</b> ROTATING SHELTER 	<b>9</b> ROTATING SHELTER  9:00a - Yoga with Vicky (Town Point) 7:00p - Finance Comm. Meeting (Rm 2)	<b>10</b> 10:30a - Ladies Bible Study (Meadows Home) 5:30p - 4-H Meeting (TP)	<b>11</b> 6:30p - Soup & Bread (St Basil's) 7:30p - Lenten Service (St Basil) 6:45p - Troop & Comm. Mtgs (Rm 2 & FH)	<b>12</b> 2:00p - Café Conversations (Café on the Bay) 6:00p - JW Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:30p - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 12:00p - St. Patrick's Day Parade 
<b>15</b> 6:30p - Pack Meeting (FH)	<b>16</b> 9:00a - Yoga with Vicky (Town Point)  6:30p - Men's Dinner (FH)	<b>17</b>  10:30a - Ladies Bible Study (Meadows Home) 6:30p - Caring Comm. Meeting (Rm 4) 7:00p - Church Council Meeting (Rm 4)	<b>18</b> 6:30p - Soup & Bread (1st Presbyterian) 7:30p - Lenten Service (1st Presbyterian) 6:30p - Webelos II Mtg (Rm 5) 6:45p - Troop & Comm. Mtgs (Rm 2 & FH)	<b>19</b> 6:00p - JW Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:30p - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00a - Yoga with Vicky (Town Point)	<b>24</b> 10:30a - Ladies Bible Study (Meadows Home)  4:00p - Kanal Kitchen 6:30p - CCEA Board Mtg (Complex @ St. Basil's)	<b>25</b> 6:30p - Soup & Bread (St Rose of Lima) 7:30p - Lenten Service (St Rose of Lima) 6:45p - Troop & Comm. Mtgs (Rm 2 & FH)	<b>26</b> 2:00p - Café Conversations (Café on the Bay) 6:00p - JW Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7:30p - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10:00a - Combined Worship at Town Point	<b>30</b> 9:00a - Yoga with Vicky (Town Point)	<b>31</b> 10:30a - Ladies Bible Study (Meadows Home)	 <b>DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD</b> REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR SATURDAY NIGHT MARCH 7th			



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.

 "The Journey" Group will not be meeting during Lent. We will resume on April 15th.

**Ladies' Bible Study**

Hosted every Tuesday at 10:30 am 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 Max Lucado's *Life Lessons from Revelations*. 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



**"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.

fun  
family  
faith  
friends

For questions: contact  
Laura Logullo 410-441-1852  
or Katie Hoffman 610-621-7387  
**Hope to see you there!!**

**Pastor's Bible Study**  
Is on winter break and  
**WILL RESUME IN APRIL**

**Café Conversations**



A time and place beyond the church walls where people of all walks of faith and backgrounds can come to be themselves, share in open and guided conversation, on matters of

everyday real life issues around what matters most – life, God, personal feelings, relationships, needs, hopes, health, and others.

**Where:** Café on the Bay in Chesapeake City, MD (19 Bohemia Ave, Chesapeake City)

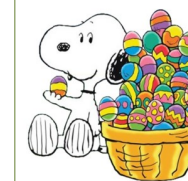
**When:** 2:00 pm on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays in February and March

Led by Pastor Neil. 610-306-4094

**MEN'S DINNER**  
Monday, March 16th  
6:30 pm  
Fellowship Hall

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

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Guaranteed orders must be received with payment in full made out to: "Generation Station Youth Program" by **Sunday, March 15th**

Order envelopes may be placed in the offertory plate, delivered to the office during regular hours, dropped into the drop box beside the office door, or mailed to: CCUMC, P.O. Box 196, Chesapeake City, MD 21915 (please do not mail cash)

**ORDER PICK-UP INFORMATION:**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> 8:45A - NOONISH** in FELLOWSHIP HALL  
See back cover for an order form or pick up an order envelope at your convenience!

All proceeds will benefit The Generation Station Youth Program – a free "after school" program that helps local youths with homework; tutoring, snacks and a safe place to be!

THE 2020 CENSUS IS COMING!



Census Maryland

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.

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



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 two remaining to choose from:

- 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.

TRINITY PRESCHOOL NEWS



Our Trike-a-thon was a great success with the pre-schoolers raising \$640 for the school. We were also excited to have two special visitors with us. Ms. Erica., an emergency room nurse and former preschool parent, taught about helmet safety with a fun egg experiment. Then Mr. Hayhurst from Superdojo Martial Arts encouraged everyone to be a champion by staying on the right track and following the rules.

This month we will explore the world of animals with activities about pets, farms, zoos, dinosaurs and insects. We've already had some baby ducks stop by, so you never know what else may happen to visit to fuel the children's curiosity and excitement for learning.

Be Blessed!

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CHESAPEAKE CITY ECUMENICAL ASSOCIATION



Rocky Railway VBS 2020 Theme

At Rocky Railway VBS, kids Experience God's Word every day. One of the unique aspects of Group VBS programs are the memorable Bible Points that are reinforced throughout each station, each day — making it easy to apply long after VBS is over. The bible memory buddies and all stations work together to make this powerful educational tool work for kids and leaders.

Bible Point
Jesus' power helps us do hard things.

Key Bible Verse : "For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13

Bible Story
Ananias helps Saul. Acts 9:1-19
Jun 25 - 26, 2020, all day VBS Setup
June 27-Jul 25 all day VBS Setup
Jul 6, 13, 20, 2020 7 pm - 9 pm VBS Meetings
Jul 25, 2020, 12 pm - 2 pm VBS Dry Run
Jul 26 - 30, 2020 5 pm - 8 pm VBS Program
Jul 31 - Aug 1, 9 am - 4 pm VBS Clean Up
Clean up may vary based of Town Point Service.

Targeted Fund Raiser for March and April 2020
The CCEA will be working to raise \$1500.00 for this year's VBS program. Fund will cover purchase of the program and needed supplies. Props are provided to us thru partnership with another church using the same program. Donations may be made on line by visiting our web-site at ccea4u.com, once on the home page hit the donation button on the left and follow instructions. Checks can be made payable to CCEA w/VBS noted on memo line. Checks can be mailed to PO Box 224, Chesapeake City, MD 21915.

Spring Country Barn Tea & Punch
In a beautiful country setting!



Join the CCEA for an afternoon Tea/Punch!
Sunday, May 3, 1 pm at Sinking Springs Herb Farm
843 Elk Forest Rd, Elkton, MD 21921

HONORING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March is designated as Women's History Month, honoring those women whose contributions, both celebrated and unknown, have enriched our lives. These women may be those in our communities who work with homeless or shut-ins, tutor children, volunteer at community centers, hospitals, nursing homes, churches, or schools.

Some films that celebrate women include:

Hidden Figures—follows the incredible contributions made by women to the birth of the space program

Jackie—Natalie Portman's stunning portrayal of Jackie Kennedy.

Suffragette— Meryl Streep, in a film about the women who fought discrimination and violent opposition to secure the right for women to vote.

Whale Rider—story of a young girl's quest to be the leader of her tribe.

Mulan—both the animated and upcoming live action Disney films about a young woman determined to be protect her family and people in ancient China

Some recommended books:

My Own Words by Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

Becoming by Michelle Obama

I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

These and many others are available though our local libraries.

