

JUNE

ALL IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES, FELLOWSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK LIVE FOR AN ABBREVIATED SERVICE LED BY PASTOR NEIL EACH SUNDAY BEGINNING AT 10:00 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 <i>All Choir Rehearsals are canceled until further notice</i>	4 <i>All Praise Band Rehearsals are canceled until further notice</i> 6:00 pm - "Following Jesus" (Zoom)	5	6
7 Trinity Sunday 10:00 am - Online Worship (Facebook Live) 11:00 am - Adult Sunday School Class (Zoom)	8 <i>Yoga With Vicky has been temporarily Suspended</i>	9 <i>Ladies Bible Study Has been canceled until further notice</i> 7:00 pm - Task force: Return to Gathering (Town Point)	10 <i>Boy Scout Troop 336 Plans to resume meetings in August 2020</i> <i>Pastor's Bible Study Canceled until further notice</i>	11 6:00 pm - "Following Jesus" (Zoom)	12	13
14 Flag Day  10:00 am - Online Worship (Facebook Live) 11:00 am - Adult Sunday School Class (Zoom)	15 7:00 pm - Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom)	16	17 <i>All Journey Bible Study sessions are canceled until further notice</i> 7:00 pm - Evening Prayer Service (Town Point)	18 6:00 pm - "Following Jesus" (Zoom)	19	20 Summer Begins 
21 Father's Day  10:00 am - Online Worship (Facebook Live) 11:00 am - Adult Sunday School Class (Zoom)	22 <i>Men's Dinners to resume in the fall.</i>	23 4:00 pm - Kanak Kitchen (Trinity) 6:30 pm - Caring Comm. Mtg (Zoom) 7:00 pm - Church Council Meeting (Zoom)	24	25 6:00 pm - "Following Jesus" (Zoom)	26	27
28 10:00 am - Online Worship (Facebook Live) 11:00 am - Adult Sunday School Class (Zoom)	29	30				



THE BRIDGE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CHESAPEAKE CITY UNITED METHODIST CHARGE
JUNE 2020

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



FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Church Family & Friends,

Grace and peace be with you! This will be my last newsletter message as your pastor. As the "Teacher" says, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." (Eccl. 3:1) As you should be aware of by now, I have been appointed by Bishop Peggy Johnson to serve Chester Bethel United Methodist Church of Wilmington, DE starting July 1 of this year. June 22 - 30 will be a time of transition, during which Deacon Megan Weston will be leading/preaching the online worship service.

Your new pastor, Rev. Samuel Mitchell, will begin his appointment starting July 1, 2020. As my time as pastor of Chesapeake City United Methodist Charge comes to a close, I give thanks to God for the time I have spent with you, and having the opportunity of sharing in your life and spiritual journeys, both personally and as a community of faith.

I have received many blessings as I have laughed with you, cried with you, worshiped with you, prayed with you, served with you, and fellowshiped with you. Together, we have grown as a community of faith in seeking to make manifest the love of God and God's kingdom on earth by loving one another and loving all God's children. We have known joy in receiving new persons as part of our church family or community, and sadness in sharing the loss of others. It has been a special joy for me to see and hear infants, children and youth share and grow in the knowledge and love of God, and for adults to grow in faith, wisdom, love and understanding of the Lord as well.

We have been open to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to lead us in worship, and in helping others to identify and share their gifts for various ministries. We have been good stewards of the blessings and resources

God has entrusted to us for his mission and ministries, demonstrating hospitality while affirming our mission and values for personal and social living. We have also fostered continued ecumenical relations with our brothers and sisters in Christ, caring for others in our community.

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Live Abbreviated Worship:
Sundays 10:00 am
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR JULY EDITION:
Newsletter articles for the **JULY EDITION** will be due to Belinda Bair at newsletter@chesapeakecityumc.com by **Wednesday , June 17th, 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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I give thanks to all who have joined in serving the Lord with me at any time these past four years. I give thanks to all our staff members who make, or have made, their special service more than just a job.

Although we have faced some changes and challenges together, we continue to be blessed. I trust in God's goodness, for "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." (Rom. 8:28)

And although I will no longer be your pastor, or return to perform professional or pastoral duties, I remain your friend in Christ. I look forward to seeing what new thing God will do in and through Pastor Sam and CCUMC.

As CCUMC continues to serve the Lord and be led by the Holy Spirit, I trust that it will be blessed in its continued life with its new pastor, most likely in some new and exciting ways. I pray also that God's presence will continue to be felt with, by and in each of you . . .

With the love of One, in Christ,

Pastor Neil

Join us in Worship . . .

Although we are still unable to congregate in worship together in person, we will continue to worship at home on Sunday mornings at 10 AM via Facebook Live at:

<https://www.facebook.com/chesapeakecityumc>

June 7 Trinity Sunday
+ Virtual Worship with Bishop Peggy Johnson and other leaders of the Pen-Del Conference on our Facebook page

June 14. 2nd Sunday of Pentecost
+ A Prayer of Fulfillment

June 21. 3rd Sunday of Pentecost
+ Father's Day
+ One God and Father of All

June 28. 4th Sunday of Pentecost
+ Deacon Megan Weston preaching

**When you send your Spirit,
they are created,
and you renew
the face of the earth.**

Psalm 104:30



May 28, 2020

Dear Family & Friends of CCUMC,

As mentioned previously, a task force to consider options and plans for gathering and reopening our church buildings is underway.

For the sake of consistency during our pastoral transition, the Task Force for Return to Gathering at CCUMC is being led by our Church Council Chairperson, Gwenn Barteld. After meeting Tuesday night, the following has been decided thus far:

Given the extensive restrictions for gathering for worship inside our church buildings (including . . . a limited number of persons permitted at any time not to exceed 50% of maximum occupancy, maintaining a distance of at least 7 feet between individuals or family groups; wearing face masks; taking non-contact temperature at the door (preferred) or at home; coming and going from different doors, and dismissing by rows; refraining from congregational singing; sanitizing contact surfaces before and after worship; cleaning bathrooms after each use; ensuring that sick congregants, or those exposed to someone who is sick, remain at home for at least two weeks) the committee agreed that it is not feasible at this time. Other options, such as "in car" worship, were considered as well. Given the felt needs and restrictions, it was determined that Sunday worship will be online only through the month of June.

We hope to move the Sunday online worship location to one of our church buildings in July and feel strongly that an online service needs to continue.

Also realizing that the sense of community is missed by some with an online format, we plan to proceed with some opportunities to safely gather for caring conversation, prayer and devotions. So, while gathering will look different for now, it will fill a need moving ahead.

PLEASE SEE THE FOLLOWING INVITATION . .

There will be an Evening Prayer Service, Wednesday June 17th at 7:00 pm (rain date June 18th) gathering on the lawn of Town Point.

This evening will be B.Y.O.E. (Bring your own everything): chair, mask, sanitizer, etc. We will form squares of 10 persons along the front lawn; each will have a team member to help facilitate, beginning with a time of sharing within each group. I will speak from the front steps of Benner Hall, with a brief scripture devotion and prayer. We also plan to have some music provided. (Continues...)

The Rocky Railway VBS Program WILL NOT be pulling into station at Town Point Church this



summer. After much discussion, and as a result of the phases of opening the State again, the planning team and volunteers thought it best to cancel the "in person" program. Eileen Viars and Jennifer Wiesen are working towards an on-line version of the program on the scheduled evenings. At this writing we do not have additional information to provide towards the on-line programming. We strongly encourage the parents of children who would have been in attendance to keep checking our web-site at

www.ccea4u.com. Click on the Vacation Bible School button for further updates.

E-mails and FB announcements will be made if the on-line version will become a reality!



CHESAPEAKE CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ADJUSTED CHURCH OFFICE OPERATIONS

Tuesday: 10 am to 1 pm:

The church office will be open for receiving offerings, distributing newsletters, printed Bulletins and issues of The Upper Room.

Masks are required

Please call/email the office ahead of your visit.

Wednesday through Friday: 10 am to 1 pm:

The church office will continue operating remotely.

Calls & emails to the office are welcome.

OFFICE: (410) 885-5641

Email: office@chesapeakecityumc.com

Pastor Neil will be available by appointment only.

PASTOR: (610) 306-4094 from 9 am to 9 pm

Email: pastorneilg@verizon.net

Your continued prayers and contributions are appreciated during this time.

Offerings can also be mailed to:

CCUMC

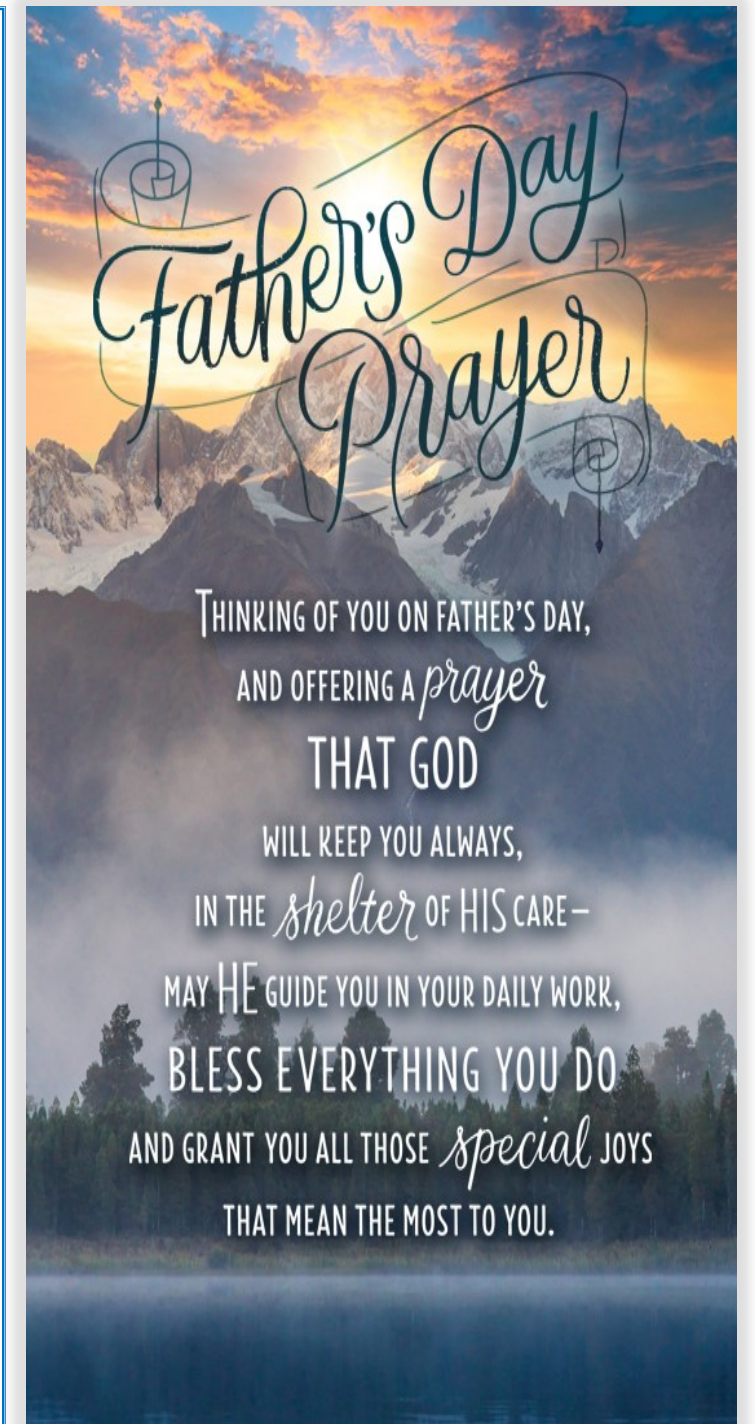
P.O. Box 196

Chesapeake City, MD 21915

Or online via our website:

www.ChesapeakeCityUMC.com/online-giving

Giving online is safe, fast and easy!



CHESAPEAKE CITY ECUMENICAL ASSOCIATION



Greetings dear friends!

Here we are entering the sixth month of the year, and like the beautiful flowers blooming in the fields, we are experiencing re-birth in The CCEA. Our pantry numbers have been lower than anticipated, so we have made every effort to explore why. In one day, I spent 3.5 hours making an effort to personally contact a large list of clients we had not seen or heard from since our March closing. In that day, we scheduled 9 clients who were not aware that we are open, though the method of service has changed slightly.

The volunteer team serving the pantry at this time, thought transportation might be an issue for others. So in the last weeks of May, started a dedicated effort to explore who those clients might be and to create an added service of "Knock & Drop", whereby volunteers will deliver pantry boxes to the door of these clients on a appointed date and within an appointed time range. Immediately after planning this, we identified our first client in need of this service...his name had been brought up by all of the volunteers. Calls had been made during the contact marathon, but he had not answered. Bill Campbell took on the task of reach out again, and we learned this client had broken his hip around Easter. Neighbors are providing support as he returns home, and he will be our first "knock & drop". I tell share this, because I invite YOU, THE READERS to help serve as our eyes & ears within the community. If you know someone who might benefit from the pantry services-whether using the curb-side service at the Complex or needing knock and drop-PLEASE invite them to call us and we'll do the rest.

I also want to share just how important these pantry boxes are to our clients. We received a lovely thank you note from Flo (last name omitted for client's confidentiality) and it reads, "My sincere & heartfelt thanks for the wonderful boxes you have shared with me. With less groceries on my list, I can now buy all my medications. I really appreciate you all! May God watch over you and keep you safe."

The choice faced by Flo, is one many of our clients face. It is a choice not limited to seniors, though most experienced perhaps by that age group. Families must choose between rent, utilities, food, and the unexpected major expenses "life interrupt-us" throws at us. And pride, fear and judgement are often the culprits that keep those most in need from asking. YOU can help us to reach them, by providing encouragement and invitation.."we are the judgement free zone for services, in times of need.

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Clothing & Home Pantry:
We are diligently working on how to re-open the Home/Clothing Pantry. Karyn Huddleston and the team will be working on the transition from Fall/Winter to Spring/Summer over the month ahead. When we re-open, hopefully in July, we will likely be doing so "by appointment" and limiting access to the lower level by limiting the number of people at one time; initiating the masks or no entry policy; and limiting the actual appointment time to about 15 minutes per client. Announcement of the re-opening will be made via e-mail and on our web-site at www.ccea4u.com and our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CCEA4U/.

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Teacher of Bohemia Manor Middle/High School Deliver!
The generosity and dedication of our teachers at Bohemia Manor Middle and High School was clearly evident when they delivered to The Complex over 400+ pounds of food and \$120.00 in financial support, in May. Kim Smith arranged to start this food drive, and then Kim & Mike delivered it all! What a joy and blessing! I have said many times in my years of association with Chesapeake City, that this town is blessed with some of the most loving and dedicated teachers I have ever had the joy and honor work and worship with! And in over 17 years, that has truly and honestly only grown! Visit our FB page or our web-site view pictures of the delivery!

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Special Thank You to a local business supporter: I would also like to thank Ed Boas, International Computer Assoc., right here in Chesapeake City for his continued support, time, talent and generosity. Ed provides hours of knowledge, service and space to store food when our building cannot support the flow. In addition, he has repaired and updated the lap tops used by Generation Station. He provides Eileen with tech support and in general is "one of the behind the scenes" volunteers who gives far more than most of us are aware of..THANK YOU is not enough, but is spoken with heartfelt gratitude!

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The support provided by Ed and many of the businesses right here in Chesapeake City, in addition to the continued support of private donors, even in our "new mode of operation", is a part of what allows us to keep moving forward as "the bridge" during times of crisis. So I close my June letter with a grateful and blessed heart!

Until next month, know that you are all held in my prayers, our prayers and HIS hands.

Deborah Forsythe
President

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More details to come, depending on State of Maryland guidelines.

Please indicate your interest by calling or emailing the church office to help with our planning. Again, we can be flexible in our ways to worship but need to be prepared each step of the way, and fully ready before reopening our buildings for worship and other use.

May God's love and grace bless and keep you safe and well.

With the Love of One, in Christ,
<>< Pastor Neil

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Please continue to pray . . .

- For all those infected or affected by the Corona virus, especially those who have lost loved ones
- For all others as well, especially those in the health care profession or volunteering in various ways, helping to sustain life.
- Families working from home and all those strained emotionally, financially, or in other ways at this time
- Our congregation, Bishop, District Superintendent, pastor and other faith leaders for all of our government leaders and those who serve the public in various ways



Please continue practice acts of kindness, including . . .

- Calls, texts, emails, share on Facebook words of care and encouragement for healthcare workers, first responders and others
- Stay at home unless necessary, as directed by government officials

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Adult Learning Opportunities **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA ZOOM**

Our Adult Sunday School is meeting via ZOOM and inviting all to join us! We meet at 11:00am each Sunday morning for about 30 minutes. Each session has a scripture focus, lively discussion and a post lesson reflection to study during the week.

If you would like to join our group, please contact Marian Harvey at mariantodharvey@gmail.com prior to Sunday. You will need to share your email address with her and you will need to download the Zoom.us app.

Come along with us on our faith journey!



Thursday night's Bible study, *Following Jesus*, is now meeting via Zoom.



"The Journey" Group will not be meeting until further notice.

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

Canceled until further notice



"Older Than Youth" Group

A group for Adults with fellowship and fun!

Canceled until further notice

For questions:contact

Laura Logullo 410-441-1852

or Katie Hoffman 610-621-7387

fun family friends faith



Pastor's Bible Study
Suspended until further notice