

**In-person, Outdoor  
Worship - Town Point  
Sundays  
10:00a**

**Children's  
Sunday School  
Canceled Until  
Further Notice**

**Adult Sunday  
School via Zoom  
Sundays  
11:30 am**

**Worship recordings  
online following service  
On the Pastor's Page of our  
website and Facebook**

**Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat**

<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Yoga With Vicky has temporarily Suspended	<b>4</b> Ladies Bible Study Has been canceled until further notice	<b>5</b> Boy Scout Troop 336 Will be meeting outdoors beginning in September until it is deemed safe to return to indoor meetings	<b>6</b> All Praise Band Rehearsals are canceled until further notice 6:00 pm - "Following Jesus" (Zoom)	<b>7</b>	<b>1 / 8</b>
<b>9</b> 10:00 am - Outdoor Worship Service (Town Point Lawn) Or watch online after service 11:30 am - Adult Sunday School Class (Zoom)	<b>10</b> 7:00 pm - Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> All Choir Rehearsals are canceled until further notice	<b>13</b> 6:00 pm - "Following Jesus" (Zoom)	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 10:00 am - Outdoor Worship Service (Town Point Lawn) Or watch online after service 11:30 am - Adult Sunday School Class (Zoom)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:30 pm - Caring Comm. Mtg (Zoom) 7:00 pm - Church Council Meeting (Zoom)	<b>19</b> All Journey Bible Study sessions are canceled until further notice August Newsletter Submission Deadline	<b>20</b> 6:00 pm - "Following Jesus" (Zoom)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 10:00 am - Outdoor Worship Service (Town Point Lawn) Or watch online after service 11:30 am - Adult Sunday School Class (Zoom)	<b>24</b> Men's Dinners to resume in the fall.	<b>25</b> 4:00 pm - Kanal Kitchen (Trinity)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:00 pm - "Following Jesus" (Zoom)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 10:00 am - Outdoor Worship Service (Town Point Lawn) Or watch online after service 11:30 am - Adult Sunday School Class (Zoom)	<b>31</b>	<b>NOTICE:</b> All outside groups will be required to complete new forms before resuming any meetings or events at any CCUMC properties.		<b>Following Jesus Steps to a Passionate Faith"</b> Led by Wes & Laura Logullo Thursdays at 6:00p		<b>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</b> Tuesday - Friday 10:00am - 2:00pm



# THE BRIDGE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CHESAPEAKE CITY UNITED METHODIST CHARGE  
AUGUST 2020

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



*Greetings to you all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord!*

I can hardly believe that my first month here at CCUMC has already come to a close, what a joyful whirlwind it has been! Over the past few weeks I have been blessed to get to know many of you and to begin leading our outdoor worship services. While there are still many unknowns and our plans continue to change, I am thankful to Jesus our Lord and Saviour for all the comfort and strength he provides in the midst of this time of transition.

Our first four weeks of outdoor worship on the Town Point lawn have been a great success, and we plan to continue to use this location for the month of August as well. While many of us are eager to worship inside once again, for the health and safety of the community we will continue to have the majority of our functions outside at this time. This is not an easy decision to make, but following Christ's teaching to love our neighbor as ourselves, we continue to hold everyone's health and safety in prayerful concern (Matt. 22:39-40). While we will not be having worship inside, CCUMC is making plans to relaunch many of our various missions and ministries in the fall, so please be in prayer for the church and its leaders as we discern how to best carry on the work of the church in this strange time.

This first month in Chesapeake City has certainly been an exciting and joyful time for myself and my fiancé, Abby. We have had the great pleasure of getting to know many folks in our church community, both at Sunday service and over dinner or via phone calls. Both of us look forward to continuing to meet and get to know more members of our church community as we begin to find ways to re-gather and reconnect as a community. As a reminder, I am available anytime Sunday through Thursday 9am - 9pm. I take Friday and Saturday as my weekend, but do not hesitate to contact me in the case of any emergency.

I strive to keep Friday as my Sabbath day, a day of rest and set aside for God and loved ones, and I encourage all of you to find a time to set aside as your own Sabbath. In this difficult and challenging time in which we live, it is more important than ever to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy (Exo. 20:8-11).

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**August Worship:**

Sundays 10:00 am  
 Town Point Church lawn  
 See Pages 2 & 3 for more info

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER EDITION:**

Newsletter articles for the September edition will be due to Belinda Bair at newsletter@chesapeakecityumc.com by **Wednesday , August 19th, 2020.** We welcome submissions from young and old alike and encourage our church family to send in your poems, interesting information on upcoming area-wide events, etc.





*Pastor's Pen - Continued from Cover*

This instruction from God gives pattern to our lives and also ensures that we spend specific time with God and with those close to us. When the stresses and uncertainties of life seek to overwhelm us, we must hold fast to God and loved ones, and what better way than setting aside time to intentionally spend with them. As we move into the month of August, I ask us all to prayerfully consider keeping our Sabbath that we might better connect with God and one another.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Sam Mitchell



We are excited to continue meeting for outdoor worship for the month of August. While this may not be ideal, we are blessed to gather together and enjoy God's creation at the same time. However we are mindful that there are those who cannot join in person or feel it is unsafe to do so. Knowing this, we will be posting a recorded version of Sunday worship services on the Pastor's Page of the church website at : <https://chesapeakecityumc.com/pastors-page> with other details to follow.

- August 2 - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
- August 9 - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
- August 16 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
- August 23 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
- August 30 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Some details regarding in-person worship throughout the month of August . . .**



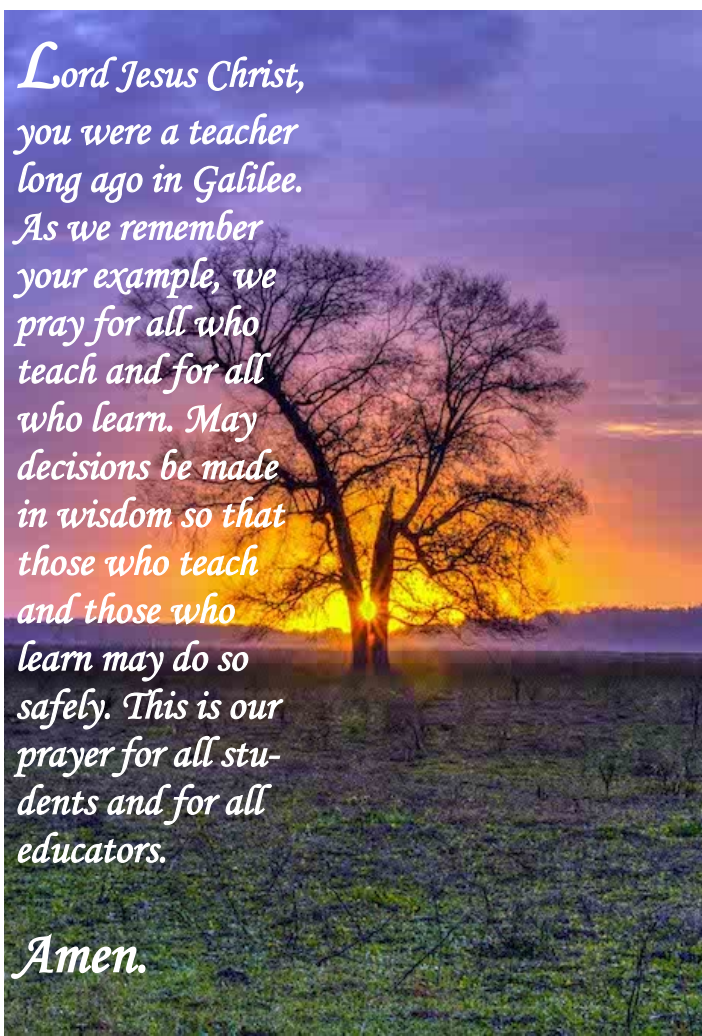
Each Sunday throughout August, we will be meeting for in-person worship at 10:00 am on the lawn at Town Point Church (weather permitting). These services will be "bring-your-own-everything": chair, umbrella, mask, sanitizer, communion elements, bible, etc. In the event of inclement weather, an announcement to cancel church and have online worship will be made by Saturday at Noon and the change will be posted online.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY . . .**

- For all those infected or affected by COVID-19, 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
- For the Cecil County Public School System, all students, parents, and family that will be affected by changes in fall public schooling.

**PLEASE CONTINUE PRACTICING 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



lasting part of your life." No truer words have been spoken, for while it rattles my brains and nerves on some days, this bridge between church and community; neighbor to neighbor; heart to heart has given me some of my most treasured moments. We will be together again, dear friends and readers-the picture may be a little different now, but one heart and one helping hand at a time we continue to make a difference.

Be safe in your travels, gentle in your words and rest in HIS hands until next month!

Deborah Forsythe  
CCEA President



**The Spring Tea** was cancelled due to COVID and reset for October 2020.

At this time and due to the cancellation of several other events including the 5K race, the Harvest Tea has also fallen to COVID. Maryann Donovan & Eileen Viars were working on the scheduling and execution of this project. Below is the most recent information provided by Maryann.



I spoke to Ann at The Barn and The Catering. They both are very willing to work with us for 2021, transferring the deposits to next year's calendar.

Our hope is to have a MAY SPRING TEA but we, Ann at the Barn, and Your Personal Chef (the caterer) have left the doors open on making this event come to life!

Thank You,  
Maryann

**Many of you see the announcement for Redner's each month.**

With most of our churches currently closed to weekly worship, the receipts being turned in has decreased. On average these receipts produce an additional \$1,000.00 a year in funding to the Food Pantry. In times when food donations are down, the additional funding enables us to purchase the most needed items. Your Redner's Market tapes may be mailed to:

The CCEA  
PO Box 244

Chesapeake City, MD 21915

If you are in the vicinity of the Complex at 227 Basil Avenue, Chesapeake City, volunteers are typically there on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:00 a to 11:30a and you are welcome to drop them off in person. **As noted in the announcement you must use your Rewards Card at the register and tapes may not be altered in any way (please do not cut; mark up, etc.) and the date of the tape must be within the last 12 months (we highly recommend 9 months or less to ensure they are still good by the time we receive and process them).** The simple act of using your card, saving your tapes and sending them in makes more difference than you realize when the tapes are added to the others received.



Dear Redner Receipts participants,

Following these guidelines can help ensure that your organization (CCEA) will receive their checks in a timely manner.

- Customer must use their Pump Perks/1% Save-A-Tape card for purchase. This will be noted on the bottom of the receipt.
- Please submit the whole receipt. Partial receipts will not be considered.
- Please do not use a highlighter marker on your receipts, it can erase the totals.
- All receipts must be dated within one year prior to the date of submission.
- Receipts from fuel purchases at Redner's Quick Shoppes are not considered.

Money earned through this program helps to fund the CCEA food pantry in purchasing perishable and non-perishable food.



### CHESAPEAKE CITY ECUMENICAL ASSOCIATION



Happy & Blessed August!

July has brought missed farewells and announcements of more changes within the core of our volunteer leadership. Some of us have also been able to welcome new Pastoral leadership within Chesapeake City.

Rev. Neil Gutmaker was assigned to a new church, much closer to his home. After 4 years as the pastoral leader to the Chesapeake City UMC and a dedicated pastoral leader for many CCEA events, we were unable to personally say "farewell" or to offer blessings and prayers for himself, his family and his new church family. He is a Board Emeritus, with an open invitation to join us for future events and meetings. The CCUMC church honored & remembered Pastor Neil with a donation of \$100.00, which was directed to VBS. We thank CCUMC for blessing us, while honoring Rev. Neil.

Karyn Huddleston has been a valuable volunteer in the Clothing & Home Pantry. She has served tirelessly, while dealing with cancer. Her energy, infectious smile and savvy have added much. With her July report to the General Board, Karyn has presented her notice to step down from the Ministry Lead. Karyn wishes to continue serving as her time permits. She is managing the Old Gray Mare and currently her hours there do not leave her the time and dedication she would like to give. Stop in see Karyn at the store and wish her well.

Rev. Sam Mitchell is the new pastoral leader for The Chesapeake City UMC. He has taken residency in the church parsonage in Brantwood, and, shortly after arriving took the time to visit with us at The CCEA Complex. He hopes to give volunteer hours as he is able and we will welcome his leadership, youth and vitality.

Beth Ohline, a member of CCUMC, is learning the ropes of the Clothing and Home Pantry. With so many of our volunteers practicing "stay-at-home" or limited exposure, the addition of a new volunteer to serve in one of our most impacted ministries-at the same time as Karyn is stepping down-can only be a "God moment" for us.

Aidan Healy is a college student, who contacted us about volunteering with us this summer. Like mosquitoes in search of new blood, we jumped at the chance to welcome him and utilize his services. He has been a most willing student and aide to the Food Pantry team and to Eileen with the VBS social media aspects! His youth, vitality, and willingness to help where he has been needed has not gone without notice or our prayers of thanks.

Around the middle of July our Food Pantry team was surveyed on the possibility of opening with very limited restrictions beginning the first Tuesday in August. Then two of our key volunteer families were facing medical issues within their immediate families (thank you GOD neither COVID related). But our concern for the possibility of an asymptomatic guest coming in, gave us rise to stop and think further on the re-opening. While the number of families reached each month, has decreased, we believe those who need us most are coming via the appointment/curb-side delivery set-up. By a majority consensus of the team, we determined it best to continue operating under the appointment/curb-side delivery program.

We are also looking at other, limited ways we may be able to get food to families who don't know we are here. Knock & drop deliveries reached a few; helping to provide provisions for the Generation Station gift packages reached others and we will continue to be creative and make connections as the opportunities present.

What has not decreased is the generosity of our DONORS! Each week we are receiving deliveries. More of our donors are utilizing the "weekly needs listed", published on both our website at [www.ccea4u.com](http://www.ccea4u.com) and thru our social media page on Facebook. These targeted lists point to the gaps in our stock and YOU have been working to fill those gaps. We cannot thank you enough for your continued support.

Please take the time to read thru the rest of this month's newsletter for the most up to date reports. Because this newsletter is produced in the last week of the month, we do not have the statistics for The Rocky Railway VBS program. Preview clips that were viewed in advance of the launch were amazing! We sincerely hope that as the advertising announcements were posted on social media, that YOU our readers on Facebook shared the postings! We hope that in sharing, children far & wide will have the joy of boarding the railway and being introduced to Jesus thru great lessons and music that you'll be humming and singing for days after!

We now move into the 6th month of COVID operations, and the path forward is no less clear than when we started. Our Board Meetings have gone online and via e-mail when no voting is required, to ensure that the General Board is kept abreast of what is happening. We remain ever-grateful to St. Basil's Ukrainian Catholic Church for the space in which we operate and their continued support and dedication to this organization; to the businesses and donors who have remained steadfast in these new waters we are charting and to YOU; to our member churches who support in ways great and small.



I encourage each member church to utilize the services we can provide by sharing any events (in advance whenever possible) with Eileen Viars thru [outreach@ccea4u.com](mailto:outreach@ccea4u.com). Eileen is the talent and brains behind our social media posts and our web-site.

And lastly, please keep Marie & Bob Webb in your prayers for health and healing; Joann Blum (our form Health Nurse) as she and her family deal with the loss of her beloved husband Joseph; for John Viars' continued healing after surgery and for our volunteers (those actively serving and those waiting to return). My treasured friend and mentor, Bud McKee, once told me "Once you join the CCEA Board, it will become a

### TRINITY PRESCHOOL



REGISTRATION FOR 2020 - 2021 IS NOW OPEN!

Visit us online at: [www.ChesapeakeCityUMC.com/Preschool](http://www.ChesapeakeCityUMC.com/Preschool) for more information.

Peace and Blessings,  
Deidra Johnson, Director  
Trinity UMC Preschool  
410-885-2148

<http://www.chesapeakecityumc.com/preschool>  
*Maryland Excels Quality Rated*

"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."  
~Proverbs 22:6



CHESAPEAKE CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURGE  
ADJUSTED CHURCH OFFICE OPERATIONS

Tuesday & Friday: 10 am to 2 pm

The church office will be open for receiving offerings, distributing newsletters, printed bulletins and *The Upper Room*.

Masks are required. Please call/email the office ahead of your visit.

Wednesday & Thursday: 10 am to 2 pm

The church office will continue operating remotely.

Calls & emails to the office are welcome.

OFFICE: (410) 885-5641

Email: [office@chesapeakecityumc.com](mailto:office@chesapeakecityumc.com)

Pastor Sam will be available by appointment  
PASTOR: (302) 448-0367 from 9 am to 9 pm  
Sunday through Thursday

Email: [pastorsam@chesapeakecityumc.com](mailto:pastorsam@chesapeakecityumc.com)

Your continued prayers and contributions are appreciated during this time.

Offerings can be mailed to:

CCUMC

P.O. Box 196

Chesapeake City, MD 21915

Or online via our website:

[www.ChesapeakeCityUMC.com/online-giving](http://www.ChesapeakeCityUMC.com/online-giving)

Giving online is safe, fast and easy!



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!  
Events are being planned for the fall and will be announced soon!

For questions: contact

Laura Logullo 410-441-1852

or Katie Hoffman 610-621-7387

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#### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA ZOOM



Our Adult Sunday School is meeting via ZOOM and inviting all to join us! We meet at 11:30 am 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](mailto: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!**