

NOVEMBER MISSION: EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE & PARIS FOUNDATION KANAL KITCHEN

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Have you ever stopped to look at the coffee display in Fellowship Hall? Equal Exchange products are sold through agricultural cooperatives to give farmers in developing countries a fair price for the crops they grow. They include coffee, cocoa, tea, nuts and olive oil. As one of our church's missions, we sell the products we buy from Equal Exchange at cost so everyone benefits. Our fellowship hour coffee also comes from Equal Exchange. A fresh shipment will be on display at the church bazaar. Check it out!



Background

Since before 2004, our church has provided a monthly free meal for any who come in our door. The Kanal Kitchen began as a youth group activity, then it was taken over by a small group of women. In 2014 we joined forces with the Paris Foundation, which has been feeding the hungry seven days a week in Elkton. The need was there, so we took our place among the volunteer meal providers.

This fits well into the mission of the Chesapeake City United Methodist Charge – to build bridges by growing with Christ, uniting in fellowship, and serving faithfully.

How it Worked during the past year

The act of buying groceries, preparing meals, and delivering or serving them has helped us grow with Christ. We have asked the church to keep a small fund available in case someone wants to provide a meal, but can't afford to buy up front. However, for the past year, we have been fortunate that personal donations have been sufficient to cover all purchases. Workers this year have included myself, Joyce Stansfield, Barbara Lort, Jeanne Tracey, Victoria and Bob Foraker, Doug, Corey, and Marta Senn, and some anonymous cookie and brownie bakers. The Lovetts and their hardworking chickens have donated many hundreds of eggs. Jim Moran and his hunting friends have donated 15 pounds of cleaned and processed deer meat. The CCEA donated 15 pounds of frozen sliced chicken.

The meal preparation always allows for fellowship in the kitchen. However, between two flooding events and the pandemic, we have had limited opportunities to personally speak to and sit with the homeless and hungry guests at the Paris Foundation. The dining room had to be closed either for clean up/rebuilding, or due to state regulations most of the past year.

Still, whether it has bagged up meals, or hot sit-down dinners, we have faithfully provided between 80 and 100 meals on our assigned dates. The next is November 24th. Contact Mikki Senn at 410-885-2846 or mikkisenn@outlook.com if you want to be part of this ministry, feeding more than just hungry people.



THE BRIDGE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CHESAPEAKE CITY UNITED METHODIST CHARGE
NOVEMBER 2020

To Build Bridges by Growing with Christ, Uniting in Fellowship, and Serving Faithfully



Greetings friends,

As many of you know, we are planning some significant changes to worship here at CCUMC beginning in November. Given the extent of these changes, I felt it would be prudent to write specifically on this topic.

Over the past four months we have been blessed with the ability to worship together outside on the Town Point lawn. While the ability to worship together outside has been a blessing in a variety of ways, as winter quickly approaches, changes must be made. The trustees in conjunction with the Regathering team, feel it is appropriate to move worship inside beginning the first Sunday in November. So, starting November 1st, our Sunday services will be held inside Trinity Church's fellowship hall.

We have carefully examined the guidelines and restrictions sent out by both the state of Maryland and the United Methodist Church in preparation for this move inside. So while COVID-19 is still very much present in both our nation and state, we are taking all the appropriate precautions as we plan to move worship inside. Some of the most basic precautions that must be observed at all times are: the wearing of face masks in church, maintaining six feet of distance between family groups, and signing in as one enters the church building. Observing these and other precautionary measures will impact how we have worship on a week-to-week basis, but it is necessary for us to ensure the continuing health and safety of our congregation at this time.

In order to best accommodate a socially-distanced worship service we have selected the fellowship hall of Trinity Church as our primary location for Sunday morning services. For proper spacing to be maintained between family groups, Trinity's fellowship hall is the room with the highest overall seating capacity. While we would love to use the sanctuary of Trinity or Town Point church, those spaces do not provide flexibility in seating options, and simply do not have the seating capacity in comparison to the fellowship hall given current guidelines. Even with our switch to the fellowship hall for worship, we have felt it prudent to add a third Sunday morning worship service so folks can properly space out.

Our Sunday morning services will be at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00. The 8 am worship service will be an informal, traditional style worship service, similar to the usual traditional service at Trinity. We hope to provide this service as a space for those who are high-risk to attend church, given that it is the earliest, it will be the cleanest that the church will be the whole day, and will most likely have less folks attending than our two following services. The 9 am traditional worship service will be moved to 9:30, but will remain relatively similar in its content. This change in time is being made to allow adequate time

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November Worship at Trinity:
Sundays
8:00 am - Informal Traditional
9:30 am - Traditional
11:00 am - Contemporary



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Articles and submissions for the next edition of *The Bridge* are due to newsletter@chesapeakecityumc.com by

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH AT 10:00 AM

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

for folks to exit the fellowship hall, for surfaces to be cleaned by the Regathering team, and for the next services attendees to enter. The 11 am Jacob's Well contemporary worship service will remain at the same time. We will continue to post Sunday School lessons for youth and children online, but will begin offering an in-person class between our 9:30 and 11:00 services. Adult Sunday school will continue via ZOOM at 12:30 pm for the month of November.

While we are worshipping together inside, it is more important than ever to remember that certain guidelines must be followed. We will have greeters at the door to take attendance for contact tracing, take everyone's temperature with a no-touch thermometer, and to welcome everyone to service that morning. A distance of 6 ft will be required between 'family groups' while seated in the fellowship hall for service. A 'family group' includes persons living with one another, but also those who are close enough to you that you consider them in a similar way. We will have our ushers assist in seating family groups in a properly distanced yet efficient manner, but we will allow congregants to dictate who they consider to be in their family group. Related to this, we will not be requiring RSVPs on a week-to-week basis, but do ask that you fill out our worship attendance survey so we can plan accordingly for each service.

One additional precautionary measure the trustees are putting in place is asking all in-person attendees to sign a waiver for their family. This waiver simply says that you will not hold the church liable for any COVID related illness potentially incurred by attending church. While we know all of our church family are people of good will, this is recommended by the UMC, and the trustees feel it necessary at this time. If you would like to read and sign the waiver ahead of time, the waiver has been emailed to everyone on our weekly email list.

At each service, we will have a variety of talented musicians leading us in worship, including Afton and the Jacob's Well praise team. Unfortunately, singing by the congregation will not be allowed at this time. Additionally, we are asking everyone to continue the 'bring your own' style of worship from our outdoor services by bringing their own chairs and communion elements. This is simply to cut down on the amount of materials that we physically pass out each week, and the amount of items that we have to sanitize between each service. However, chairs and communion elements will be available for those that need them.

It is important to note that as we move inside we will also be moving online. Once we are back inside Trinity Church we will begin live-streaming and recording the 9:30 and 11:00 services every Sunday. We hope to stay connected and offer meaningful worship opportunities to all those who are uncomfortable or unable to attend worship indoors through both live-streaming on Facebook and YouTube. A recorded version of the service should be posted on both platforms in case you happen to miss the live streams on Sunday morning.

The trustees and Regathering team will monitor our first few services closely and make changes as needed to ensure the continuing health, safety, and vitality of our church community. We hope to take the month of November to fine-tune our set-up for indoor worship, so we welcome your participation and feedback in this process.

Going forward, we simply ask that everyone be in prayer daily for our church and its continued ministry. I give my personal thanks to all of you for the love and flexibility you've shown over the past few months, and ask that we continue to maintain that spirit into this new season in the life of our church. So while many things in our world and in our worship are changing, I am excited at the in-person and digital opportunities God is giving us, I pray we take hold of them enthusiastically and safely.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Sam Mitchell



November 1st - All Saints Sunday
November 8th - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 15th - 24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 22nd - Reign of Christ Sunday
November 29th - 1st Sunday of Advent

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Saturday, November 21st, 2020
9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Trinity

Silent Auction Food Baked Goods Vendors Attic Treasures

Social distancing and masks will be required indoors

Todd Harvey Bazaar Coordinator (443) 553-7040	Marian Harvey Bake Sale Manager (443) 553-2414
Dorie Borrell Vendor Coordinator (610) 532-0806	Kathy Moran Kitchen Manager (410) 920-1546

Proceeds support the Youth Ministries including scholarships for Camp Pecometh!



NOVEMBER 2020 SERVANT SCHEDULE					
	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
8:00 a.m.					
Worship Leader	Todd Harvey	Tom Duffy	Barb Lort	Kathy Moran	Karol Armstrong
Acolytes	Lisa Malin				
Greeters	The Regathering Team				
9:30 a.m.					
Worship Leader	Don Hartwig	Marian Harvey	Lisa Malin	Mikki Senn	Victoria Foraker
Acolytes	Libby Logullo				
Greeters	The Regathering Team				
11:00 a.m.					
Greeters	The Regathering Team				
CCEA Food Delivery	Servants Needed	Servants Needed	Servants Needed	Servants Needed	Servants Needed

AROUND TOWN IN NOVEMBER

Chesapeake City's Annual Pet Parade
Saturday, November 21st
12:00 pm

Lions Club Annual Tree Lighting
Sunday, November 29th
6:00 pm
Pell Gardens

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES SCHEDULE
NOVEMBER 2020

Tuesdays :
Ladies Bible Study - - NOT YET RESUMED
- Mary Meadows Home

“The Journey” Reconciling Group - - NOT YET RE-SUMED
- The Bartelds’ Home

Thursdays :
“Following Jesus ” - 6:00 pm
- Town Point

See Page 3 for more information on each of these groups

COME JOIN OUR

BIBLE

Study



Informal Traditional
Worship for high-risk
8:00 am
Trinity Fellowship Hall

Traditional Worship
9:30 am
Trinity
Fellowship Hall

Contemporary Worship
11:00 am
Trinity
Fellowship hall

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 FALL BACK!  8:00 am - Informal Traditional (high risk) 9:30 am - Traditional 11:00 am - Contemporary 12:30 pm - Adult Sunday School (Zoom)	2 7:00 pm - Webelos Den Meeting (TP)	3 ELECTION DAY 	4 6:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 336 Mtg (TP)	5  6:00 pm - "Following Jesus" (TP)	6	7
8 8:00 am - Informal Traditional (high risk) 9:30 am - Traditional 11:00 am - Contemporary 12:30 pm - Adult Sunday School (Zoom)	9 7:00 pm - Church Council Mtg (zm) 7:30 pm - Finance Committee Meeting	10	11 VETERAN'S DAY  6:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 336 Mtg (TP)	12 6:00 pm - "Following Jesus" (TP)	13	14
15 8:00 am - Informal Traditional (high risk) 9:30 am - Traditional 11:00 am - Contemporary 12:30 pm - Adult Sunday School (Zoom) 3:00 pm - Cub Pack 336 Meeting (TP)	16 MEN'S DINNER  November Men's Fellowship Dinner is canceled 7:00 pm - Webelos Den Meeting (TP)	17	18 DECEMBER NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE 6:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 336 Mtg (TP) 7:00 pm - Charge Conference	19 6:00 pm - "Following Jesus" (TP)	20	21 Annual Christmas Bazaar 9 am - 3 pm Trinity 
22 8:00 am - Informal Traditional (high risk) 9:30 am - Traditional 11:00 am - Contemporary 11:30 am - Adult Sunday School (Zoom)	23	24  4:00 pm - Kanal Kitchen (Trinity) 6:30 pm - CCEA Board Meeting	25	26 THANKSGIVING 	27	28
29 8:00 am - Informal Traditional (high risk) 9:30 am - Traditional 11:00 am - Contemporary 11:30 am - Adult Sunday School (Zoom) 6:00 pm - Town Tree Lighting (Pell Gardens)	30 Yoga With Vicky has been temporarily Suspended	 Ladies Bible Study Has been canceled until further notice	 All Journey Bible Study sessions are suspended All Praise Band Rehearsals are canceled until further notice	 All Choir Rehearsals are canceled until further notice	NOTICE TO ALL GROUPS: All groups who want to use Town Point must contact the office to coordinate availability.	NOTICE TO OUTSIDE GROUPS: outside groups will be required to complete new forms before resuming any meetings or events at any CCUMC properties.



Sunday School Returns!

Each Sunday, beginning at 10:15 am, Sunday School will be held in room #3.

Sunday School will also continue virtually for those who are unable to attend in-person. Please see the church website:

<https://chesapeakecityumc.com/sunday-school>

Each lesson will be posted with the corresponding unit number.

If your child needs a packet, please contact the church office or reach out to Lisa Malin at 410-885-2338 or lmalin68@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!




MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP FALL SCHEDULE 2020

Sunday November 8th - 12:00p - 2:00p
Food, Faith, Fun! - Trinity
+ + +
Friday, November. 20 - 4:00p - 6:00p
Bazaar Set Up
+ + +
Saturday, November 21 - 9:00a - 3:00p
Christmas Bazaar
+ + +
Saturday, December 5 - 3:00p - 9:00p
Christmas Lights - Pecometh



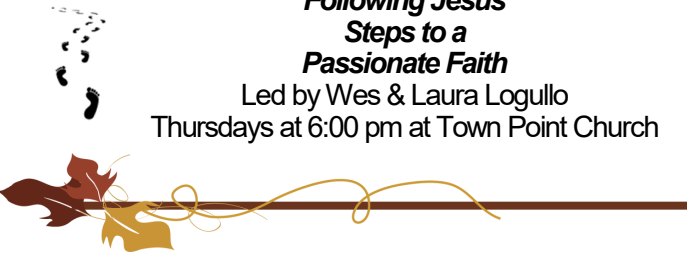
DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1ST



Following Jesus Steps to a Passionate Faith

Led by Wes & Laura Logullo
Thursdays at 6:00 pm at Town Point Church

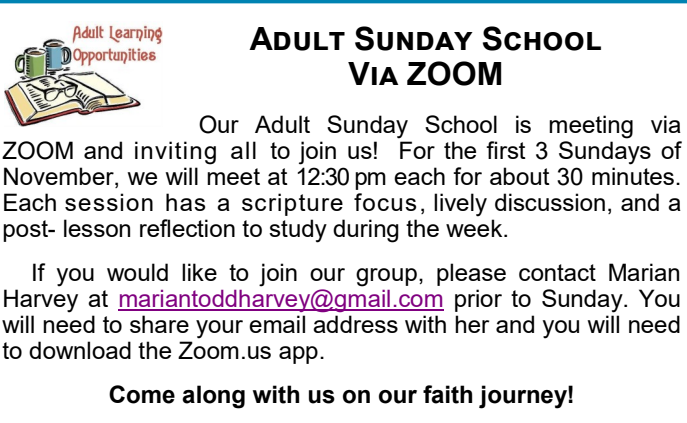


"Older Than Youth" Group

A group for Adults with fellowship and fun!

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

fun family faith friends

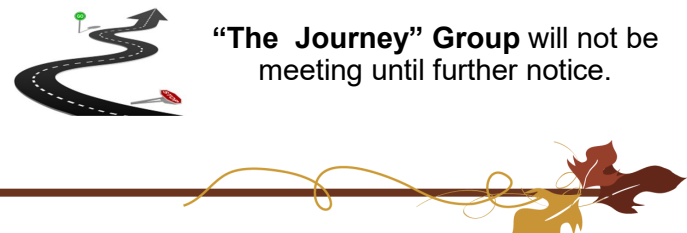


ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA ZOOM

Our Adult Sunday School is meeting via ZOOM and inviting all to join us! For the first 3 Sundays of November, we will meet at 12:30 pm each for about 30 minutes. Each session has a scripture focus, lively discussion, and a post- lesson reflection to study during the week.

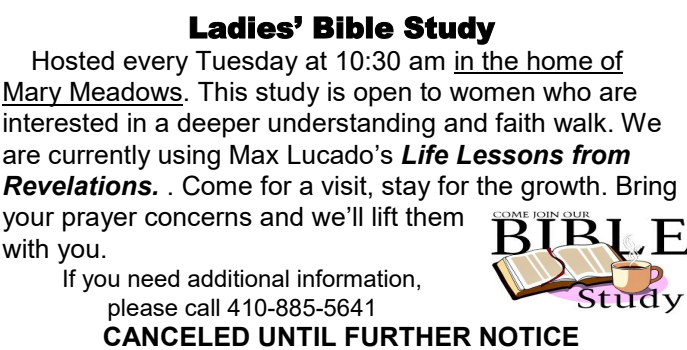
If you would like to join our group, please contact Marian Harvey at mariantodharvey@gmail.com prior to Sunday. You will need to share your email address with her and you will need to download the Zoom.us app.

Come along with us on our faith journey!



"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



SAVE LIVES We usually do a talk about our emergency equipment each year, but due to the pandemic I'm going to tackle this virtually (sort of).

Let's revisit what we have at Trinity UMC. Up in the fellowship hall an AED is hanging in a cabinet. We also have a red first aid kit (it has things like band-aids, Tylenol, Motrin, Bactine spray-please feel free to use any of these items as needed). We have a small emergency kit hanging which is for use during any emergencies (has a pair of gloves/face mask for mouth to mouth, baby aspirin for heart attacks). Similar kits hang outside of the sanctuary and on the janitor's closet door at bottom of steps. Last, but not least we have a bleeding control kit.

What we do not have is Narcan nasal spray and it is preferential to just do mouth to mouth breathing in its place as when someone receives this medication they can awake violently.

We do offer free first aid and CPR training, but please feel free to ask me to show you any of these items so that you will feel more comfortable in an emergency.

Thanks for listening,



Kathy Moran (410) 920-1546

TRINITY PRESCHOOL NEWS

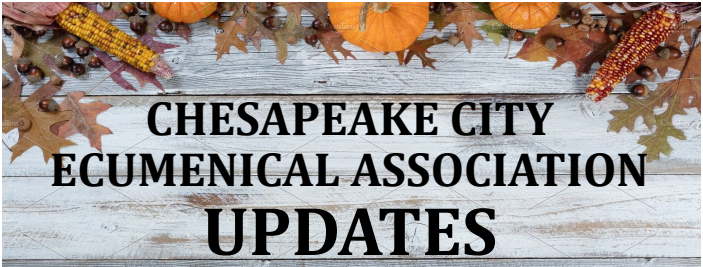
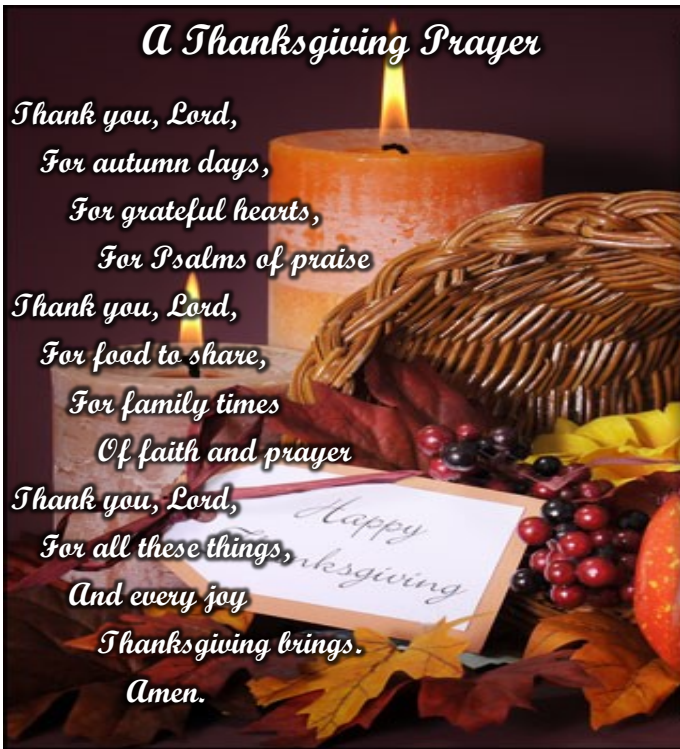


Our preschoolers continue to arrive each day ready to learn and play. Our activities have focused on the five senses and what they can do now that they are in preschool. This month we will continue to explore the fall season learning about getting along with friends and family.

As cold and flu season begins please remember that the downstairs areas are not accessible Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings while preschool is in session. There are strict guidelines and documentation from the Office of Childcare and Department of Health that we must follow to keep our children and staff safe. We are so thankful to have a program to attend at such a time as this.

Be blessed!

Deidra Johnson, Director
preschool@trinityumcpreschool.org
410-885-2148
<https://chesapeakecityumc.com/preschool>



Our next General Board Meeting is scheduled for November 24th. This will be a Zoom meeting and the connection details will be sent to each Board Member and invited guests by the afternoon on the meeting date. I thank Eileen Viars for her continued dedication and value to our organization is arranging for a Zoom account and setting up the monthly meetings. Agendas will be forwarded on/about Friday, November 16th with all related reports. **We ask that every board member sign in and attend. Our volunteer team is small and carrying a great load. Our donations are down. We need the involvement of each of our member churches and every Board member as we move forward into 2021, as we determine the direction and changes we will need to address. Equally important, we need each of you to serve as advocates for The CCEA, sharing our mission, seeking out new volunteers and in general sharing who we are with the community!**

Donation acceptance schedule

Donors are asked to use this schedule when determining what we will be accepting on the published dates. Because of limited display and storage space, we will reserve the right to inspect and reject and we greatly appreciate your consideration.

December 29 Children's Clothing ONLY

November & December Schedule for Food & Clothing/Home Pantries

(It is the client's responsibility to call on Thursday or Friday PRIOR to schedule pick up of their food pantry boxes before the Thanksgiving & Christmas closings).

Open Dates for November

Tuesday, Nov. 03
Tuesday, Nov. 10
Tuesday, Nov. 17

All pantries will be CLOSED on Tuesday, November 22nd to allow our volunteers a time of rest and time to prepare for the Thanksgiving Holiday with their families.



IT'S TURKEY ENVELOPE TIME



As in years past, we will be making Turkey envelopes available to our member churches. We ask our church families once again consider giving towards the cost of the holiday baskets (given in the form of gift cards) to the guests of our pantry. We have identified 19 families who have been regularly visiting the pantry under the COVID plan. Most recently we have seen an uptick in guests returning who are employed in the food service industries. We have also identified 15 senior households from Canal Town and plan to have on hand an additional 20 cards in the pantry for families who may come in November or December needing additional help thru the holidays. The donations received thru the Turkey Envelope drive help to defer the cost of purchasing the gift cards. We ask, wherever possible, please have your envelopes returned before the end of November and we thank you for your continued support.

"Wee Care" boxes are a new ministry we are testing in partnership with Chesapeake City Elementary School. We are putting together "wee" versions of our food pantry boxes. The average box weighs about 7 pounds and contains non-perishable food items such as spaghetti-o's, peanut butter & jelly; oatmeal packets; pop-tarts; soups and hotel size personal care items. The boxes then go to Chesapeake City Elementary and are distributed to children identified by the school to help supplement the lunch program and weekends when the children are not fed thru the school. We are preparing to deliver the first 10 boxes, and as the school requests we will make every effort to continue providing this small, but effective safety net.

While we have been pushed to re-envision how we operate, what has not changed is the blessed partnership we have with each of our member churches and YOU. We are grateful for the new pastoral leaders who have brought encouragement; and for those pastors who have supported us throughout 2020, even as they are working on rebuilding and re-envisioning their paths forward. And lastly, we are grateful for every volunteer, every guest and every donor who have held this organization in their hearts and in their prayers.

Deborah M. Forsythe, President
Chesapeake City Ecumenical Association