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Greetings Pastors and Laity of the Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference,

I greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ during this season of giving. I thank you for your faithful generosity to Camp Pecometh this year and I am writing to let you know about another opportunity to help out as we near the end of 2020.

Please consider joining me in supporting the camp in their “50 for \$50K Challenge.” Thanks to \$25,000 grants from the Charles and Christine Shivery Foundation and George and Carolyn Godfrey, respectively, Camp Pecometh will receive \$1,000 for every donor who signs up for recurring monthly giving. I am one of the 23 donors who has already signed up to help unlock this generous challenge gift. **This means that your recurring monthly donation of any amount is worth an additional \$1,000 to help Camp Pecometh navigate these unprecedented times.**

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Thank you for considering taking part in this life-giving effort for our camp. Outdoor camping and retreat ministries spread the love and Good News of Jesus in so many ways.

Sincerely,

Peggy A. Johnson

Bishop Peggy A. Johnson

Pecometh

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CHESAPEAKE CITY UNITED METHODIST CHARGE
 JANUARY 2021

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



Greetings friends,

It is my sincerest hope that you and your loved ones have had a very merry Christmas and a happy start to the New Year. Although this is certainly the strangest Christmas that I can remember, I pray that yours has been filled with the love of Jesus and joy shared with friends and family.

While I am disappointed that we have not been able to celebrate Advent or the Christmas season in quite the way we'd like, I still extend my thanks to all those who helped make my first Christmas in Chesapeake City truly wonderful. I consider it a blessing to have been able to spend this time in our church and town, even if that time looks a little different because of COVID-19.

One difference caused by COVID-19 that will continue on is our live stream for Sunday morning worship. For the time being, we will continue to live stream Sunday morning worship at 10:00 am on the church's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/chesapeakecityumc), with a recording posted to the church's website (www.chesapeakecityumc.com/pastors-page) and YouTube (www.youtube.com/channel/UColyXqtzeZrAu3FNkIk_spA/featured) the following afternoon. We hope to be able to return to in-person, indoor worship soon, but given the continuing presence of COVID-19 at the writing of this letter, we cannot yet determine when this will be. I ask us all to continue to be in prayer daily for all those infected or affected by COVID-19.

As we go forward into another somewhat uncertain month, as the joy and light of Christmas seem further away as time continues on, I challenge us to keep a Christmas spirit kindled in our hearts and souls though time continues on. As John chapter 1 reminds us, Jesus is the light of the world that shines ever on in the darkness. As people of faith we know and celebrate the fact that the darkness has not overcome the glorious light of our Lord. This is something we must be mindful of not just during the Christmas season, but the whole year round. So as the cold and dark of winter continue on, let us all remind ourselves and one another that the Light of Life shines on in us and in the world through Jesus.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Sam Mitchell

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 Sundays during December
 10:00 am : Virtual Worship Live on
 Facebook, videos available online
 after weekly services
www.chesapeakecityumc.com/pastors-page



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
 Articles and submissions for the next edition of *The Bridge*
 are due to newsletter@chesapeakecityumc.com by
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21ST
 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.





January 3rd - Epiphany Sunday

January 6th - Epiphany of the Lord

January 10th - Baptism of the Lord

January 17th - 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 24th - 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 31st - 4th Sunday after the Epiphany



From UMC.org:

“Epiphany is the day Christians remember the coming of the Magi to visit Jesus, bringing their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

It occurs on Jan. 6 every year, the 13th day of the Christmas season. The word “epiphany,” from the Greek word *epiphania*, means appearance or manifestation.

The arrival of these visitors was a sign that the incarnation of God in Christ had been made known and was recognized by the heavens to the whole world, so that even Gentile wise men from the East came to pay him homage. This is an observance of great majesty, solemnity and awe.

An even more ancient Christian celebration than Christmas, Epiphany originally focused on the nativity, God’s incarnation (God made flesh) in the birth of Jesus Christ, and Christ’s baptism. After the late fourth century, as Advent developed as a season of baptismal preparation in addition to Lent, Epiphany became associated with baptism. This is why we see images of the three Magi on many older baptismal fonts.

In many Hispanic cultures, Epiphany is a day of great rejoicing and celebration, often kicked off by a parade the night before in which people dressed as the three
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January MISSION:
The Generation Station

The UPS truck pulled up in our driveway yesterday. I went out to greet the driver and get the package I was expecting. As he was handing it to me, he asked, “Do you recognize me?” I looked at him for a second and realized that I did!

He had been a student at the Generation Station Youth Center some time ago. He graduated from Bo Manor in 2007. I recall that he was one of those kids that could’ve gone either way. He wasn’t a bad kid, but he was pretty squirrely.

I found out that he had been working for UPS for two years. He and his wife have owned a home for the last five years, and they have a six-year-old child. I have no idea what the Generation Station played in this young man becoming a responsible adult, but I just felt good that he was doing so well.

This year has been the most challenging in our 20-year history. When schools went all-virtual in March, we ceased operating. Since then we have struggled to figure out how we can serve area youth and their families. Our staff has delivered goodie bags with snacks and activities and kept in touch with the parents to try to determine their needs.

When school began this fall, we decided that we would try to help kids who were having trouble learning virtually, as well as those who were doing in-person learning and needing extra help. However, just about the time that we thought we might be ready to resume, schools went back to all-virtual learning.

One of the big considerations for us was not putting the ministry in a position where we would be operating but didn’t have the financial resources to sustain the program. So we have been biding our time and waiting for the right moment.

Fortunately, the State of Maryland is offering an emergency grant to help serve families affected by the pandemic. We applied for this through the Cecil County Local Management Board. We received preliminary notice that our application will be approved. This means that we can be assured of continued funding throughout 2021. Once we receive final confirmation, we will prepare to open as soon as possible.

We are encouraged by this development, but also will welcome your continued support. The grant covers many expenses, but not all. Thank you as always for your prayers and support for this ministry. When you meet young adults like my UPS driver, you realize how important it is.

-Jack & Jodi Shitama

For More Information: [Visit Generation Station on the web!](#)

JANUARY 2021 SERVANT SCHEDULE					
	January 3	January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31
10:00 a.m. - Combined Virtual Worship Online					
Worship Leader	Cheryl Hartwig	Marian Harvey	Lisa Malin	Barbara Lort	Beth Ohline
CCEA Food	Servants Needed	Servants Needed	Servants Needed	Servants Needed	Servants Needed

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES SCHEDULE

TUESDAYS : *Ladies Bible Study* - - NOT YET RESUMED
Mary Meadows Home

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

WEDNESDAYS: *Pastor’s Bible Study* - 6:00 pm
www.facebook.com/chesapeakecityumc

THURSDAYS : *“Following Jesus”* - 6:00 pm
Town Point

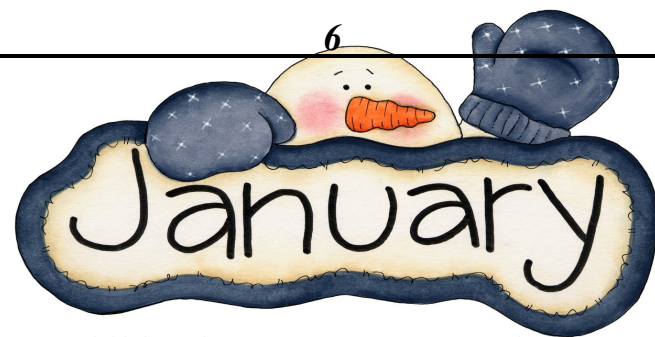
SUNDAYS: *Adult Sunday School* - 11:30 am
Zoom

See Page 3 for more information on each of these groups

THE UPPER ROOM

The January/February issues of *The Upper Room* are now available in the church foyer & office.

Please stop in and pick up a copy or if you need one mailed to you, please contact the church office either by email to: office@chesapeakecityumc.com or call (410) 885-5641.




Virtual Worship
Facebook Live
10:00 am
www.chesapeakecityumc.com

Children's
Sunday School
YouTube
10:30 am

Adult
Sunday School
Zoom
11:30 am

Worship Videos
Will be available on
Facebook & website
following service

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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We hope everyone had a safe & blessed Christmas! We are in the middle of the Winter Sunday School lessons which we hope everyone is enjoying! I know that virtual learning is not everyone's favorite but if you look at it on the bright side, you can learn in your PJ's and comfort of home. We sure miss seeing everyone in person but we know that for now, virtual is the safest for us all.

If you have any problems downloading the Sunday School packets, please let me know (lmalin68@gmail.com) or send a note to the church and Brittainy will forward your request to me. I am happy to print and mail a packet to you, please provide your address with your request. Hopefully having each lesson available with the video is working out as we embrace each new challenge we face. My prayers are that we are together again soon.

We appreciate your feedback and suggestions to make Sunday School fun and informative for all.

Blessings to you all,
Your sister in Christ,
Lisa Malin



GROUPS CURRENTLY NOT MEETING:



"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.

CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



Men's Fellowship Dinner POSTPONED until further notice



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA ZOOM

Our Adult Sunday School is meeting via ZOOM and inviting all to join us! 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 mariantoddharvey@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!



Wednesday Evenings - 6:00 pm

Pastor's Bible Study has begun with videos being posted online on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm.

For more information, contact Pastor Sam.



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

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Epiphany - Continued from page 2

kings or carrying statues of the three kings pass through the towns and villages throwing out candy and small gifts to all around. Families and children alike look forward to Día de Los Tres Reyes (Three Kings Day) as a time for presents, feasting and celebration. Attending church services that include the celebration of communion is also common in many of these cultures, even for those who may not attend worship regularly.

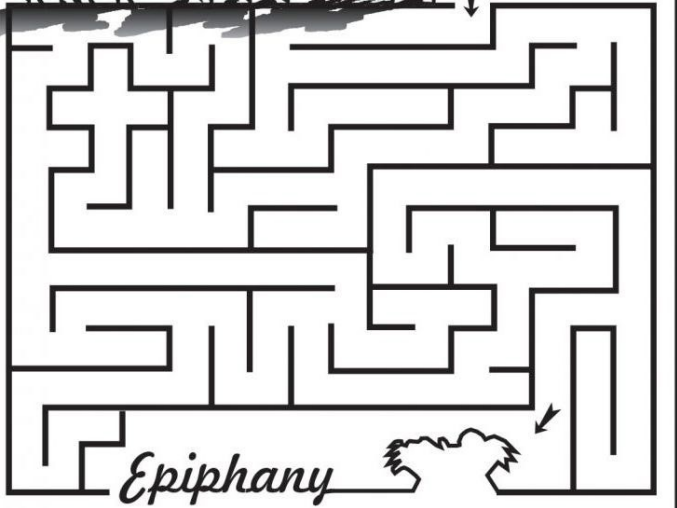
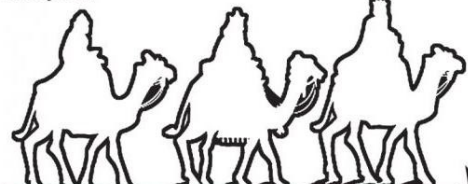
In England and some other European cultures, Jan. 5 is known as Twelfth Night, the culmination of the 12 days of Christmas feasting and partying. On Twelfth Night, many families gather in homes to celebrate with friends, food, singing and gifts. It is at these Twelfth Night celebrations that "Chalking the Door," asking God's blessing on those dwellings and upon all who live there, is most often observed.

In New Orleans, Twelfth Night begins another season of celebrations that comes to fulfillment at Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday). Epiphany itself, Jan. 6, becomes the kickoff day for that season, but is also often observed with a full celebration in church, complete with incense, elaborate processions, choral celebrations, and Eucharist.

Some United Methodists in the United States, who are not part of these rich traditions, tend to recognize Epiphany on the Sunday nearest Jan. 6. There may be a pageant of the three kings as part of worship that day and a small party afterward."

Epiphany, Mt 2:1-12

Three wise men were searching for Jesus. They traveled from very far away to meet him. They followed a star and finally found him in Bethlehem. They adored him and gave him special gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. **What gift would you like to give to Jesus this year?**



TRINITY PRESCHOOL NEWS



This year has been the most challenging in memory. Pecometh is no exception. Operating income is down over \$1 million in 2020. Reduced expenses, government grants and increased donor support have covered the gap. God IS providing for this ministry. However, we need to continue to raise money to sustain us through the first quarter 2021. We've raised nearly half of the \$200,000 that will get us to spring. The Pen-Del Council on Finance & Administration has approved a conference-wide appeal for Pecometh this month to help us reach our goal.

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Thanks again for your prayers and support.

SEE THE BACK COVER TO READ THE LETTER FROM BISHOP PEGGY JOHNSON.



Saying good-bye to 2020 will likely bring sighs of relief and looking forward into 2021, we find a path of hope and new beginnings. But as I look back, I would be sorely remiss if I did not extend deep gratitude to those who have supported The CCEA ministries throughout the past year. There are those who faithfully bring food for the pantry boxes; others who target our donor days and still others who decorated the Angel Tree with gift cards for our "guests". You need to know you are a part of the bridge that keeps our "guests" afloat when times are difficult. YOU have helped to provide for the least in our community.

Thru at least the Spring of 2021 we will continue to operate under our COVID plan-meaning curb side deliveries of food pantry boxes; services for the pantry by appointment (please direct inquiries to call 410-885-3244 on Thurs. or Friday mornings between 9:00a-Noon and we will do the rest).

Remember that our Clothing/Home pantry [is open to the public!](#) If you like searching for "treasure" in 2nd hand stores and consignment shops-you need to drop in on Tuesday mornings between 9:00-11:30a. No more than 2 guests per 15 minute "shopping" cycles. The first 15 items are FREE (though we won't refuse a donation). After the first 15 items-each item is \$1.00! Our donations come in from across the county and sometimes across state lines!

Donor Days are typically the last Tuesday of each month. Check our web-site at www.ccea4u.com for the items we will be accepting each "donor day". Check out OUR news-letter on our web-site too.

Visit our web-site and check out our Face Book page often for the most current information. And until our next article, our next conversation, our next time praying together....

Be safe in your travels, gentle in your words and always in HIS arms...Deb Forsythe, President



AROUND TOWN IN JANUARY

Chesapeake City Winter Whiteout!



"They say that light is healing, so let's create a WHITE-OUT of lights in town during the months of January and February, to chase away the winter doldrums and pandemic blues. The idea is to create a beautiful winter wonderland of WHITE LIGHTS throughout town, which will brighten our spirits, warm our hearts, and hopefully replace the smiles on our neighbors faces! Lets come together and make Chesapeake City the brightest, and most cheerful town around, to not only heal our hearts and souls, but also to attract visitors that are needed to keep our neighboring businesses thriving.

To make it happen, we need your help!

Please consider decorating your home, yard, and outdoor trees in WHITE LIGHTS for January & February. The Town will be extending the duration of our Winterfest of Lights displays.



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