



THE BRIDGE

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MARCH 2021

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

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

Today I pray that everyone has had a wonderful beginning to their Lenten season and has survived our recent bouts of snow and winter weather unscathed. While the snow and ice might be a bit annoying to navigate around, it was a joy for me to witness Chesapeake City in all its wintery beauty the past few weeks.

On the topic of Lent, I begin by reminding us that the CCEA continues to host our weekly Lenten services. Each Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm one of our partner churches in and around Chesapeake City will be hosting an online Lenten service for that week. Unfortunately, given the reality of COVID-19, the meals that have traditionally accompanied these services are canceled and only the service shall be broadcasted online. Look for the services posted to the CCEA's Facebook and YouTube page, a link to those will be posted on CCUMC's online pages as well. We will be hosting the service on Wednesday March 24th, so tune in to see a special Lenten message with the Praise Team!

The Re-Gathering Team has decided to hold both Palm and Easter Sunday services outside on the Town Point lawn so that we can celebrate these two important weeks together. We currently do not have a final decision on a return to in-person worship after those weeks, but will give an update soon.

While there are numerous things that we can discuss around the season of Lent, today I am reminded of Jesus' message in Matthew 24:22 "Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

As we go through this Lenten season let us keep these words from Christ in the back of our minds. Whether we are giving something up, taking something on, or just centering our lives on Christ in whatever small ways we can, let us remember the purpose for which we do these things. We strive to live more like Jesus, and to prepare our hearts and lives for His coming. We look forward in the season of Lent, both this and every year, to His resurrection and our new life given on Easter Sunday. So this Lenten season, let us focus on what really matters,

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Easter Lilies

Order Easter Lilies to honor a loved one or in memory of a loved one.
Deadline is Palm Sunday: March 28th, 2021
Please be sure to order on time to ensure that we are able to order the number of flowers needed.

The process is easy:

Option 1: Fill out an order envelope (at the main entrance of Trinity) enclose \$13.00 for each lily, and place your envelope in the drop slot just outside of the office OR

Option 2: Print the order form below and mail it with payment to:
CCUMC c/o Easter Lilies
P.O. Box 196
Chesapeake City, MD 21915



These are limited quantity, wonderful, top quality flowers are from our very own McKeown family greenhouses, so claim yours while you can!

2021 Easter Lilies Order Form

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Your Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

Dedication:

- In Memory Of: _____
- In Honor Of: _____
- To the Glory of God

\$13.00 EACH

_____ Lilies x \$13.00 = \$ _____
Total Quantity Total Amount Due

Payment is due with your order

Make checks payable to: CCUMC Memo Line: "Easter Lilies"

Drop orders in the mail slot at the Church Office or

Mail orders to: CCUMC, PO Box 196, Chesapeake City, MD 21915



APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Articles and submissions for the next edition of *The Bridge* are due to newsletter@chesapeakecityumc.com by **THURSDAY, MARCH 18TH**
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

preparing our hearts and lives by drawing close to Jesus, the one who has and is coming, in whatever ways God has led us to.



Grace and Peace,




MARCH WORSHIP

7th - Third Sunday in Lent
 14th - Fourth Sunday in Lent
 21st - Fifth Sunday in Lent
 28th - Palm / Passion Sunday
 28th through April 3rd - Holy Week
 Wednesdays in Lent: Virtual (see page 4)

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Greetings friends in Christ,

I am writing to officially announce that I am requesting voluntary retirement effective at the end of the next session of the Jurisdictional Conference. I have prayerfully considered this decision and feel that it is in the best interest of the church and my family not to take another episcopal assignment in order to continue serving until 2024 (my mandatory retirement date). It has been my distinct honor to serve the people of the Philadelphia Area since 2008. Thank you for the grace you have extended to me and my spouse, Michael. I appreciate your faithful service to the Lord and I will hold you in my heart always.

Sincerely,

Bishop Peggy A. Johnson

MARCH MISSION:



TRINITY PRESCHOOL

Whether in the classroom or on Zoom, the preschoolers won't let anything stop them from learning and having fun.



Thank you for your prayers and support!

MARCH 2021 SERVANT SCHEDULE

	March 7th	March 14th	March 21st	March 28th	
10:00 a.m. - Combined Virtual Worship Online					
Worship Leader	Don Hartwig	Karol Armstrong	Cheryl Hartwig	Marian Harvey	
CCEA Food	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 March/April 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
	1 7:00 pm - Webelos Den Meeting (TP)	2	3 6:00 pm - Pastor's Bible Study (online) 6:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 336 Mtg (TP) 7:30 pm - CCEA Lenten Service (pg. 4)	4 6:00 pm - "Following Jesus" (TP)	5	6
7 10:00am - Combined Worship (Facebook Live) 10:30 am - Children's Sunday School (YouTube) 11:30 am - Adult Sunday School (Zoom)	8 7:30 pm - Finance Committee Mtg (zoom)	9	10 6:00 pm - Pastor's Bible Study (online) 6:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 336 Mtg (TP) 7:30 pm - CCEA Lenten Service (pg. 4)	11 6:00 pm - "Following Jesus" (TP)	12	13
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21 10:00am - Combined Worship (Facebook Live) 10:30 am - Children's Sunday School (YouTube) 11:30 am - Adult Sunday School (Zoom) 3:00 pm - Cub Pack 336 Meeting (TP)	22	23 4:00 pm - Kanal Kitchen (Trinity) 6:30 pm - CCEA Board Meeting (zoom)	24 6:00 pm - Pastor's Bible Study (online) 6:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 336 Mtg (TP) 7:30 pm - CCEA Lenten Service (pg. 4)	25 6:00 pm - "Following Jesus" (TP)	26	27
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Easter Lilies
Don't miss our 2021 Easter Lily announcement and ordering information on the back cover!



Sunday school will continue to be offered via YouTube and the church website through May 23rd, then we will take a break for summer.

Worksheets for each lesson are posted to the church website only for easy downloading. If hard copies are preferred, please reach out to me at lmalin68@gmail.com

Let's all pray that we can resume Sunday School in the classroom in the fall!

Thanks & God Bless

Lisa Malin
Children's Sunday School Director



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

BIBLE Study

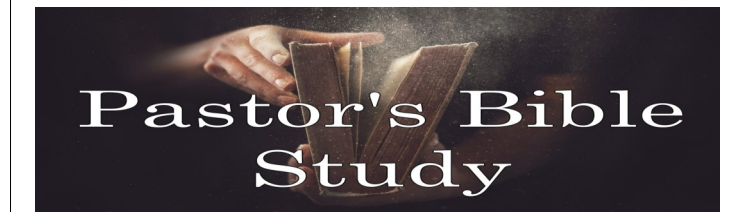
MEN'S DINNER
Men's Fellowship Dinner POSTPONED until further notice



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 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.



Wednesday Evenings - 6:00 pm
Pastor's Bible Study will continue online with videos being posted on Wednesday evenings by 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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From The Bishop's Blog

"Five Hundred Thousand Deaths in the United States"

I remember sitting in the nursing home in Catonsville, Maryland with my aged Aunt Inez years ago. Born in 1894 she had seen a great deal in her many years of life and I was just in my twenties at the time. She shared with me her many memories of years gone by and especially about the "Spanish Flu" of 1918. She was about my age at the time and there were no vaccines, no cure, just a call for isolation and prayer. She said that this virus in some way affected every family in the little town of Lansdowne, Maryland where she taught school. In the spring of the following year they counted their losses and grieved a deep and long grief. At the time, I thought this was an unbelievable tale of how things were in the "old days," never once imagining that I could be one day living during a devastating pandemic.

It has been a long year since we first got the news of this world-wide crisis and we began to close down churches for in-person worship. Last March we could hardly have imagined that a year later we would be realizing the death of 500,000 American lives lost to this deadly Coronavirus. Like my Aunt Inez, none of us has been spared the death of someone in our life: family, friend, co-worker, church member. We share a common grief and we carry burdens of sorrow and helplessness.

At this time of the milestone count of lives lost, I want to express my **deep appreciation** for pastors, laity and churches who have ministered compassion and relief to countless numbers of people in their communities. The Apostle Paul describes well the strength God has given you for the task: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. (II Corinthians 1:3-4)

I also call us to **care for yourself** in these stressful times with regular observance of the Sabbath and engaging in spiritual, physical and emotional self-care. Rest in the promise that "God will go with you and will never leave you or forsake you." (Deuteronomy 31:6) and "Those who wait on the Lord will renew their strength" (Isaiah 40:31).

Strive to infuse life into this season of death. The church is founded on the resurrection of Christ and the sure and certain hope of life that comes from the jaws of death, joy that comes in the morning and hope that burns bright even at the midnight hour. We are uniquely positioned to be the life-givers in this world through the Gospel we proclaim in Word and deed at this time. Be a "resurrection giver" for someone who is bound by deep grief. Never forget the power of simple acts of kindness and compassion. In addition, do not pass up the chance to give a witness to the hope, which is in you that can inspire others to faith in Christ.

My Aunt Inez also told me of the revival of religious fervor that happened in the community after the long siege of the pandemic of 1918. Instead of being buried in inconsolable grief, the community embraced faith that spurred on a wave of community development and prosperity. Likewise, our sobering milestone of death can be a springboard to new life as only God can give it. Be a part of the new life that rises from this unique and terrible time in the history of our nation and the world."

Chesapeake City Ecumenical Association.
2021 Lenten Service Schedule

7:30 pm Date	Hosting Church Virtual	Pastor
Wednesday March 3	St. Basil Ukrainian Catholic Church	Rev. Volodymyr Klanichka
Wednesday March 10	1st Presbyterian Church	Rev Scott Burkley
Wednesday March 17	St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church	Msgr. David Kelley
Wednesday March 24	Chesapeake City United Methodist Charge (Trinity)	Rev. Sam Mitchell
Good Friday April 2 - 12:00 (noon)	St. Augustine Episcopal Church	TBD
Easter Sunday April 4-6:15a	Pell Gardens South Chesapeake City Sunrise Service Outdoor in-person/ Virtual	Rev. Shane Dickinson Bohemia Wesleyan Church
Easter Sunday April 4 - 6:15 am	Town Point, UMC 61 Port Herman Rd. Chesapeake City Sunrise Service Outdoor in-person/ Virtual	Rev. Sam Mitchell Chesapeake City United Methodist Charge

Lenten Service Information:

Lenten Service will be available on the CCEA Facebook and YouTube sites. Services are either live or will be posted at the appropriate time. Check CCEA Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/CCEA4U>

Check CCEA YouTube channel, go to YouTube and search for CCEA4U Outreach or link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyJu6LnmfwUfUwP3waAw>

*If you subscribe to the CCEA YouTube channel you will be notified when new postings are available.



NOW HIRING: Program Assistant

The Generation Station is hiring a part-time program assistant to work from 2:00-6:00pm, Monday-Thursday on days when public school is in session.

The successful candidate will put the needs of our students first, as well as serve as a caring adult role model.

Specific duties include:

- Assist students with daily homework and virtual learning assignments.
- Maintain a safe and clean environment.
- Assure that students follow all COVID safety protocols.
- Drive a 14-passenger van to transport students, if needed.
- Lift up to 25 lbs., when required.

This is a part-time position without benefits. Hourly rate is \$11.00

Interested candidates should contact Anita Collings at (410) 441-1443 or anitakc416@gmail.com.



From the CCEA February Newsletter:

Welcome Back!

How quickly time has flown! As we arrive on February's doorstep, we are preparing for the Holiest of Christian seasons-Lent. Never do our churches shine brighter in the unity of community, than in the Lenten season. The tradition of gathering together would normally begin with our Shrove Tuesday dinner hosted at St. Rose of Lima's Fellowship Hall.

While some of our traditions have been silenced this year-our Wednesday evening Lenten services will not. They will be different, but this awesome, unique and greatly blessed church family of Chesapeake City will not be deterred from giving the glory; our praise and most indeed our thanks to our glorious Creator! Our Pastoral leaders will serve for both hosting and delivering the message for each church. And **YOU**, every reader can view each week's service by visiting us on Facebook or YouTube. At this writing, we are working to "live stream" (likely via Zoom and Facebook) the Ash Wednesday service. By utilizing Zoom-the service can be interactive and allow several Pastoral and Lay Leaders to participate. I encourage you to follow us daily on Facebook and check our website at www.ccea4u.com for the latest updates and information and for the links to take you to the weekly services. Services will broadcast each Weds. evening beginning at 7:30p via Facebook & YouTube.

Our Sunrise Services are outdoor events hosted. You are invited to attend in person! We offer two services: Town Point Church, Port Herman Rd., Chesapeake City (services will be led by Rev. Samuel Mitchell, CCUMC) and Pell Gardens located in The Basin area (on the C&D Canal) of South Chesapeake City, MD (services led by Pastor Shane Dickinson (Bohemia Wesleyan)). **Please bring your own seating, your own communion elements and wear your mask.**

Lastly, the Lenten services also provided our community as a whole and for the individual churches, the opportunity to collect food items for Generation Station and to host collection baskets during service. The funds collected at these services are designated to our Emergency Funds program and typically carry the fund thru the winter months. You can financially support either ministry by 1) clicking on this link and completing an on-line donation (use the purpose line to designate which ministry) www.ccea4u.com or 2) donations by check may be made payable to The CCEA and mailed to PO Box 244, Chesapeake City, MD 21915 (please note which ministry on the Memo line).

Please print the Lenten service schedule included at the end of this month's newsletter and join us each week. Be blessed by the unity of community and share that a blessing with others.

This month we will begin a new page welcoming each of our Pastors in rotation thru our member churches, to write a brief bio to introduce them and their church. We struggled over how to do this fairly and decided to use the Lenten Worship schedule as our way to invite the Pastors in the order each church is listed. All Pastors are welcomed to provide us with information by the monthly newsletter deadline (the 27th of each month

when possible) relating to special events and services their churches may be hosting. So now, please join us in learning more about Rev. Belina Wimbish-Haile and Ebenezer AME, 68 Woodstock Farm Ln., Chesapeake City, MD 21915!

Please enjoy reading the rest of our Newsletter to catch up on what we have been doing and where we hope to go in the months ahead.

Be safe in your travels, gentle in your words and always remain in HIS hands

Deborah Forsythe, President

The Country Friendship Tea at the Barn RESCHEDULED for the Spring of 2022

Please continue to check our web site at www.ccea4u.com for the most current updates on this and other events throughout 2021 and beyond~



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.

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 \$1000.00+ annually in funding to the Food Pantry.

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.