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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CHESAPEAKE CITY UNITED METHODIST CHARGE. **APRIL 2021**

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



Greetings Friends,

I pray that everyone has had a wonderful first few days of spring, and is enjoying the wonderful weather as of late. It is always a blessing to see PASTOR the changing of the beauty of God's creation! the changing of the season, and even more so in an area so full of the

To begin, I would like to reiterate that our Easter Sunday (April 4th) services will both be in-person, outdoors on the Town Point lawn. Both the Sunrise Service (6:15am) and Combined Easter Worship (10am) will take place outdoors in order to accommodate as many people as possible, and allow the fullest participation of our church family for this important holy day.

Easter is always an exciting time of the year but this year this is even more true as we will be having several baptisms on Easter Sunday! I can think of no better way to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord than through welcoming more folks into the Family of God in the act of baptism. As we gather to remember and live out the new life that Christ brings us on Easter, we also gather to officially welcome these persons into that same life.

Moving past Easter, the Re-Gathering team has decided to move back to inperson indoor worship beginning the Sunday after Easter. Beginning Sunday April 11th, we will have two in-person, indoor worship services. The current plan is to resume the Traditional worship service at 9:00am, in-person Sunday School at 10:15, and the Jacobs Well Contemporary Service at 11:00am. This decision is not made lightly, and a considerable amount of prayer and thought has gone into it. Given the current COVID-19 situation locally in Cecil county and nationally, the Re-Gathering team is excited to make this announcement, but understand many folks are not yet ready to return to in-person, indoor worship. As such, we will be live streaming both the 9:00 and 11:00 services for folks who feel uncomfortable worshiping indoors at this time.

In order to facilitate indoor, in-person worship in the safest possible way, we will require everyone to check-in upon entering the building for contact tracing, the wearing of masks at all times while indoors, social distancing between family groups, no congregational singing, and the use of hand sanitizer and other cleaning products between services. At this time we will not be requiring folks to reserve seats in their selected service, but this is a possibility for the future if it is deemed necessary. In addition, if you have not already, I ask everyone to fill out the survey, so Pastor's Pen - Continues on Pg. 2

MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 15TH

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.

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Worship at Trinity Beginning April 11th: Sundays at 9:00 am: Traditional 11:00 am: Contemporary

Virtual Worship Live on Facebook www.facebook.com/chesapeakecityumc Videos available on our website at: www.chesapeakecityumc.com/pastors-page



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we can more accurately prepare each service. (Survey can be found HERE)

After the month of April, the Re-Gathering team will reassess how in-person, indoor worship has gone and make recommendations for worship going forward based upon the latest information available. I would personally like to thank the Re-Gathering team and all others who have worked hard to make online and in-person worship possible for our church family, it is truly a team effort. Additionally, I extend my thanks to our entire church family for your continued patience and flexibility with the ever-evolving situation we find ourselves in.

It might have taken almost a whole year, but I count it as a blessing to be able to look forward to indoor, in-person worship with my church family. Moreover, in this time where both the seasons and all of life seem to be changing it is a blessing to simply know that we are a part of such a wonderful family of God in Chesapeake City. I am reminded today of Colossians 2:7, "Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness." As we move into spring, whether we worship inside or online, let us all continue to grow toward Christ and spur one another onward with the love of the Lord. Now as always, I ask that we all continue to pray for our church family and our Chesapeake City community as we and other local organizations continue to make difficult decisions in this strange time.

Grace and Peace.



Finance Corner

Normally, an update to the budget of CCUMC would be reported every few months. But as everyone knows, there is nothing normal about the past year. Your offerings are arriving by mail, by PayPal and various other means, rather than being deposited in the collection plates each week. That really makes it impossible to compare to previous periods. Please keep in mind that the postal service is still not totally reliable and checks that are mailed, either by you or your bank, are taking extra time to arrive and be counted. Also, the counting of the offering is not taking place on a rigid schedule, so it make take some time before you can confirm that your check has been received and deposited. Your continued support is critical and appreciated as without it, we cannot maintain the work of the church and its missions. Thank you and may God's blessings be present in your lives.

APRIL MISSION: CAMP PECOMETH

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Camp Pecometh will once again be welcoming young people back this year! What a timely and wonderful way to help our young people gain some much missed fun and interaction with others! Check out Camp Pecometh online at Pecometh.org for specific camp offerings and details. As you look though all those great Christian camping opportunities for your child please keep in mind that

CCUMC continues to support campers with scholarships. Scholarships are available up to 50% of the base camp with the maximum amount being \$175. We simply ask that to be eligible for a scholarship, the family &



youth be active in our church. The scholarship form is self-explanatory and you should feel free to contact Todd Harvey at 443-553-7040 if you have questions about obtaining a scholarship or the amounts available. Copies of a Camp Pecometh Scholarship application form can also be found on our website or by inquiring at the church office.

Donations for Camp Pecometh scholarships are welcome

With Camp Pecometh opening back up for live camping experiences, we will once again be offering scholarships for young people and families seeking some financial support for this great Christian camping opportunity. In the



past we have utilized resources from our annual Christmas Bazaar to help fund scholarships but with the cancelation of that event this past year, we are actively seeking donations to our fund. If you wish to donate, simply drop off a

donation at church, mail your donation (CCUMC, PO Box 196, Chesapeake City, MD 21915), or utilize the PayPal link our website. However you donate, please make a note that the funds are specifically for the Camper Scholarship Fund.

Blessings and Thank you! Todd Harvey



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APRIL 2021-SERVANTS

9 a.m.	April 4 10:00 am Combined Outdoor Town Point	April 11	April 18	April 25
Worship Leader	Barbara Lort	Beth Ohline	Todd Harvey	Mikki Senn
Acolytes	Lisa Malin			
Greeters	Regathering Team			
11 a.m.				
Greeter	Regathering Team			
CCEA Food Delivery	*Servants Needed*	*Servants Needed*	*Servants Needed*	*Servants Needed*





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.

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Virtual Worship
Facebook Live
9 & 11 am
www.chesapeakecityumc.com

Children's Sunday School 10:15 a (4/11-4/25) Lower Level Adult Sunday School 10:15 a (4/11-4/25) Lower Level April 11-25 Normal Operations 9:00a Traditional 11:00a Contemporary

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In-person Sunday School returns!

Sunday school is almost over for the year, but we will be returning to in-person class on April 11th at 10:15 am downstairs at Trinity!

If there is anything you think we can improve upon please share. This has been a crazy and challenging year but we did our best.

God bless!

Your sister in Christ, Lisa Malin Children's Sunday School Director



The Upper Chesapeake Community Band has been invited to Hawaii in December 2021 to participate in a concert and parade to commemorate the 80th anniversary of Pearl Harbor! While we are honored to have been selected, we desperately need to raise the funds to get our members and equipment there.

For our current fundraiser we are selling spring flower bulbs and seeds with a company called Flower Power. We will be running this fundraiser through May 1st, and we will receive a 50% profit on anything we sell. To support UCCB with your online order, you will need to use this link: http://uccb.fpfundraising.com/

They recommend the following timeline by Hardy Zones:

- Zones 7-10 place your order Mid-March to Early April for delivery Early-Mid April.
- Zones 5-6 place your order Early April for delivery Mid-End April
- Zones 4 and below, place your order by May 1 for Mid May Delivery

UCCB also has a Go Fund Me account (link on the band website http://www.upperchesapeakeband.com/) and Amazon Smile shoppers may designate the band as their charity https://amzn.to/3obNA8D and 0.5% of their purchase cost will be donated to the band.

My son, Kyle, and I are members of this ensemble, and are very excited for this opportunity!

Thank you so much for your support!

Debbie Gimmy





Our Adult Sunday School is returning to in-person beginning Sunday, April 11th at 10:15 am!

Each session has a scripture focus, lively discussion, and a post-lesson reflection to study during the week.

If you have any questions, please contact Marian Harvey at mariantoddharvey@gmail.com

Come along with us on our faith journey!





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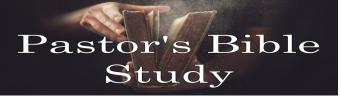
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For questions: contact Laura Logullo 410-441-1852 or Katie Hoffman 610-621-7387





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.

It's Analog Time!

There is a catchphrase in my house that existed precovid that now takes on a whole new meaning for us. It started with a concern for too much "screen time" and not enough fresh air and real world time.

Flash forward to now and how do you explain to the youngest generation there is a difference between 2-dimensional displays we have been forced to see the world on the last 12 months and the spaces where we exist with people, sights, sounds, touch, and feel? In my house it's called "Analog Time". It has always been important for our family to



make sure that our children were spending enough time outdoors playing with friends and using their "social skills". I will admit at times it was a fight, but I am glad that we did, because when the world shut down we had those experiences in the bank. After a year of virtual school, very limited social activities, and basically not very much, it is time to start to moving forward and looking to spring. Literally and figuratively! It's finally here! It's a new day. Cub Scouts is a big part of enjoying that spring by getting outside and being with friends. We have Dens and the Pack where we do activities and learn about camping and nature and fun stuff! Now I will admit it was tough stretch even for us scouts to find ways to gather and stay together safely over the



worst of it. There were times when we wondered how we were going reach our scouting requirements and keep things interesting. Well we "did our best" and thanks to our pack families who had creativity and dedication, we got to where we can start to do more and get out more. I think what makes our Pack 336 extra special is that we are home grown here in Chesapeake City and Cecil

County. Our community is a wonderful place to foster qualities that scouts embody. For those of you who used to be in scouts or part of scouts at one time...do you remember the scout law? "A scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent". It's touching when you hear youthful voices in unison reciting it along with the scout oath. Now I don't know about you, but I can't imagine how we can help our young people value these qualities unless they are able to gather and practice them together in an environment that encourages them. If there is a lesson learned from the virtual experiment, it is that no amount of digital

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technology is going to replace the connections we need to make with nature and each other. More than ever we need to help our young people by providing experiences that will help them appreciate these important human values. We need more analog time! I am inviting you to share analog time with your Cub Scouts Pack 336 and Boy Scout Troop 336 by getting our message to families of youth

& school-age children. Let them know about our Pack and check us out. You're never too old for scouts. There are many ways you can still be a part of helping our next generation. You can help us plan activities, connect with resources, donate, help us recruit families or raise funds for activities. We want to have the kind of relationship with our charter organization where it feels like we are one in the same.

My point: Join Scouts and lets have an awesome spring!

Please like us and share our FB page!
Pack 336 Chesapeake City Cub Scouts

Contact us directly:
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-Christina Dant Pack 336 Committee Chair



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PARIS FOUNDATION NEWS



Cub Scout Pack 336 of the Chesapeake City Charge helped prepare last month's Paris

Foundation meal and delivered it. This is what cheerful service looks like. What a pleasure to work with these great guys in a worthwhile effort. You can help too any time you are ready to step in. For February's meal much of the work was done by the scouts the Monday evening



before and the sandwiches were added Tuesday afternoon. They will be

lending a hand in March as well.



Chesapeake City Ecumenical Association. 2021 Lenten Service Schedule

Date	Hosting Church	Pastor
Good Friday April 2 - 12:00 (noon)	Good Shepherd Church <i>Virtual</i>	Rev. Sam Hartman
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

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Native American International Caucus of the United Methodist Church

March 16, 2021

The Honorable Debra Haaland Secretary, United States Department of the Interior 1849 C St NW Washington, DC 20240

Dear Madam Secretary Haaland,

Gvlielitseha Oginalii (Cherokee) Nizhoni (Dine) Hesci, heremahe (Muscogee Creek) "Hello or welcome. It is good" Anpétu wašté (Lakota) "Good day"

We, the First People of the United Methodist Church, rejoice with loud shouts of joy and praise to the One and Only for your appointment and confirmation as the first Native human being to serve as Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior. Especially, we celebrate and recognize the role and powerful traditions of Indigenous Women as leaders and truth bearers during this month commending Women's History. The historic political and righteous nature of your appointment brings not only a sign of great hope for this country and all its people, but a recognition of the sovereign right of Native tribes to self-determination and the long over-due wisdom and insight that Native people have to contribute to the right relationship of people to people and to the land which supports and nourishes all of us no matter our political, racial, religious or economic backgrounds.

As the indigenous people of this Turtle Island, we have known for far too long the disregard, the disrespect and the very real genocidal efforts of the US Government toward our Native Tribes and Communities. With your leadership, we can trust that our voices will once again be heard and our presence and gifts might once again be recognized.

We pledge our ongoing support of your continued commitment to serve all the people of this land (human and others) as you rely on the truth and power of our traditional teachings for the benefit of all. We will commit to keeping you in dedicated prayer and stand ready to assist in whatever ways we can to work for the benefit of the seven generations.

With gratitude to you and our Creator for this season of service,

The Members of the Native American International Caucus of the United Methodist Church; Cherokee, Dine, Inupiac, Kiowa, Lakota, Lenni Lenape, Lumbee, Nanticoke, Yakima and all our relatives