

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CHESAPEAKE CITY UNITED METHODIST CHARGE NOVEMBER 2021

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

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings friends!

Pastor Sam here, I pray you are all well and enjoying the beautiful fall weather God has given us thus far this season. As Autumn continues on, I hope that we all take time to appreciate the physical and spiritual beauty of the changing easons.

of the seasons.

We are gladdened at the progress being made towards vaccines for young ones and we are still prayerful for an end to the current pandemic and increasing infection rates we see. I ask that all of us as a church community continue to be in prayer for those most affected by Covid, and do our part by getting vaccinated and continuing to use safe practices whenever possible. We move forward into November both hopefully and cautiously. Church leaders continue to monitor the local situation closely, and we will notify the congregation of any changes as soon as we feel they may be necessary.

One change that I wanted to make you all aware of is that I have started a part-time position at Christiana hospital as a chaplain. In order to finish my ordination in the United Methodist Church, I must serve four times as a hospital chaplain. This position is roughly 10 hours a week, and most weeks I will be working on Thursdays. The position is very flexible, so it will have little impact on my work in Chesapeake City.

I continue to give thanks to God for the wonderful work that he is doing in and amongst our community during this season. Not least of all for the wonderful new Bible studies, youth group, and fellowship opportunities that have begun in these past few months.

Another opportunity that I'd like to share is that we will be partnering with Elkton UMC to start a GriefShare group. GriefShare is a Christian organization that specializes in small groups that help folks process and move past grief, whether it be the loss of a loved one or a friend. One of the tragedies of the past few years is that many of us have

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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Articles and submissions for the next edition of *The Bridge* are due to <u>newsletter@chesapeakecityumc.com</u> by THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 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.

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Pastor: Rev. Sam Mitchell E-mail: pastorsam@chesapeakecityumc.com (302) 448 - 0367 Cell: Office: (410) 885 - 5641 office@chesapeakecityumc.com www.chesapeakecityumc.com Sunday Worship at Trinity 9:00 am: Traditional 11:00 am: Contemporary Sunday Worship at Town Point 5:00 pm: Dinner Church Virtual Worship Live on Facebook Sundays at 9 & 11 www.facebook.com/chesapeakecityumc

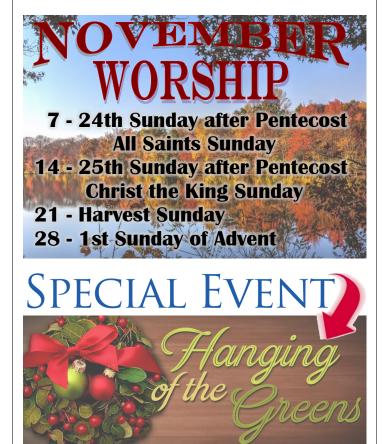
## The Bridge

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been unable to grieve, or grieve communally over the various losses we have experienced, in the ways that we would like and are accustomed to us. This group will be open for anyone, and we will have our initial interest meeting for our church after services on Sunday, November 7th.

Grace and Peace,

Sam Mathel



Please Join Us! Sunday, November 21st 12:30 pm **Trinity UMC** 

Please join Pastor Sam for a hands-on learning experience about the traditions of decorating in preparation for the Advent season!

# NOVEMBER MISSION:



# What's up with the **Paris Foundation**

The Paris Foundation is a Christian non-profit organization located in Elkton, Maryland. It is named in memory of Leslie Carl Paris, honoring his many years of service to the poor and homeless in the community.

Les had a vision to see an organized effort begun to alleviate the conditions contributing to homelessness in the Elkton area. TPF was founded in 2012 to make that vision a reality. - (from the Paris Foundation home page: <u>www.theparisfoundation.org</u>)

What better way for our community to grow and flow with God's love than to continue our support? While we have been one of the churches faithfully providing a meal eight times a year, there are ways each of us may be involved individually as well. Read on to find out how.

#### "The meal is a means to establishing relationship," according to Kyle Charlton, director of operations. (kyle@theparisfoundation.org or 484-645-1880)

Once that relationship is developed, then the work of alleviating the individual's situation can begin. The design of having groups bring in the meals is to give churches a way to serve and carry out their missions. This is one of the main reasons Chesapeake City UMC got involved. Through our Kanal Kitchen ministry, we were attempting to offer love in the form of a meal, so it made sense to join forces in a much bigger effort.

Our church provides the meal the fourth Tuesday of February, March, May, June, August, September, November, and December. All are welcome to join our core team, but you may volunteer individually to help serve a meal any of 365 days a year. Having those volunteer servers is crucial to their effort. It allows Kyle or other staff to be out among the guests and speak as well as listen to them. Consistency in having someone to speak to is very important. For example, this summer, because they had established a relationship, a man confided in Kyle that he intended to "check out" that day. A quick call resulted, and in 15 minutes he was on the way to a residential program through Crisis Prevention. You never know when the simple act of handing out a meal has enor-"Paris Foundation" Continues: on pg 3

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mous ripple effects.

The Paris Foundation began by serving in Marina Park, mostly to the homeless. The moved to a strip mall on Bridge Street, but after four major floods in 8  $\frac{1}{2}$  years, the building was sold, and they had to find another location. The town of Elkton gave the foundation some land next to the MRDC building in Hollingsworth Manor. During the Covid lockdown they began serving brown bag meals from a temporary trailer. The numbers of homeless people are down, partially due to efforts along with the town of Elkton to get them into existing programs and shelters. More of the patrons now tend to be seniors, the housing insecure, some homeless, and the neighborhood families.

The exciting news is a building fund was established this Labor Day in order to fulfill the plans for a permanent facility that will offer bible study, education and arts classes, and many programs coordinated with the town and county agencies to try to break the chain of poverty. The children's ministry has grown in particular for this reason.

So, in closing, consider how you may support this ministry. You could join our core team monthly at Trinity, give to the building fund by visiting the Paris Foundation homepage, serve any night of the week by contacting Kyle, and keep their efforts in your prayers.

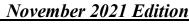
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## **CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**

The church office will continue to operate Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm with the following exceptions in November and December: The Church Office will be closed on the following dates:

- •Veteran's Day Thursday, November 11th
- •Thanksgiving Wed, Nov 24th through Fri, Nov. 26 (The office will be open Monday & Tuesday from 10 am to 2 pm this week)
- •Christmas Friday, December 24th
- •New Years Friday, December 31st





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to ask for help.

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline



When a village comes together in service, faith and fun, amazing things happen! Over the past 2 months The CCEA has partnered with individual families like the Andy Stansfield and Dan Matthews families, who power-washed the deck of The CCEA Complex Building (a.k.a. St. Basil's Fellowship Hall). The Chesapeake City VFW Boy Scout Troop #336 took on the community project of painting the CCEA ramp. The congregation of St. Basil's worked on refurbishing the entry ramp for the church. The Forsythe family did some repair and replacement on the CCEA ramp. Both ramps had become weather-worn and needed a fresh new look!



As the project moved into the painting phase, CCEA leadership met with the Scout leadership to discuss the possibility of completing the painting for both ramps, with the CCEA providing the materials and the Scouts the man-power! The end result are two beautifully finished ramps that dress both buildings with new, fresh, matching and wholly appealing entrance!



I he work was completed in time for the Cecil Cares 2021 – Countywide Day of Service. These teams gave of their time and talents as weather permitted to ensure the job would be completed. We extended our deepest thanks to everyone involved and to the St. Basil's Ukrainian Church family our very best wishes for a joyous celebration!

# From the CCEA President (October 2021)

I close this month's newsletter believing that the awesome God we serve, will bring to us new faces, new hearts and a new vision for the year and years ahead. My time with this non-profit now reaches 19 years some as a hands-on volunteer; some working behind the scenes from miles away and many in varied leadership roles. I have made treasured friends in service; thru community contacts and thru our guests who need services.

The footprints left by each have given my life a rich tapestry of color and memories. I wish the same for every volunteer who has served, who continue to serve and for those who feel moved to make a difference and are searching for a way to do so.

Chesapeake City is an amazing community-rich in history; family and dedication to connecting faith, service and community. My time of service is not yet done, but the roads I will travel in the year ahead may have new vistas included and new callings placed on me. I sincerely hope as you are looking at where you are and where you want to be, that you will consider how richly your life can be dressed when serving your community.

May October be kind to you and yours and may our Creator keep you safe in his hands well into the months ahead.

**Deborah Forsythe** 

#### The CCEA Complex

As we look to reopen to the public, we will be in need of a few good volunteers (ages 18 and over). Primarily, we need men/women. As we prepare to work on inperson fund-raisers, we will need



people who may only be interested in serving one for specific event (one day type commitments).

Maybe you have a great eye for fashion; enjoy meeting and greeting people; like setting up displaysyou would be a great fit with the Clothing/Home Pantry. Maybe you are a seasoned shopper-like finding the best bargains-and would be interested in shopping for the food pantry when the need arises. As we move ahead towards reopening, we realize we may be adding a day or an evening to accommodate some volunteers who would like to serve, but cannot under our present schedule.

Some of our core volunteer team have served throughout the COVID revised operations. While they genuinely look forward to continuing to serve, vacation schedules are coming on us and additional hands trained and ready could help fill anticipated gaps.

We encourage you to go to our web-site at <u>https://www.ccea4u.com</u>. Click on the **ABOUT** button and then look for Volunteer Application. Fill it out; tell us about you and what days and hours you might be available.

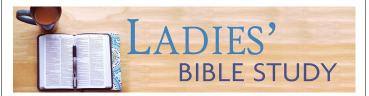


Our Adult Sunday School class meets each Sunday at 10:15 am downstairs at Trinity. Each session has a scripture focus, lively discussion, and a post- lesson reflection to study during the week. If you have any questions, please contact Marian Harvey at mariantoddharvey@gmail.com

Come along with us on our faith journey!



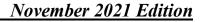
Sundays @ 10:15 am Downstairs at Trinity For more information, contact Lisa Malin at: <u>lmalin68@gmail.com</u>



TUESDAYS - 10:30 AM HOSTED EVERY TUESDAY AT 10:30 AM <u>IN THE HOME OF</u> <u>MARY MEADOWS</u>. THIS STUDY IS OPEN TO WOMEN WHO ARE INTERESTED IN A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING AND FAITH WALK. COME FOR A VISIT, STAY FOR THE GROWTH. BRING YOUR PRAYER CONCERNS AND WE'LL LIFT THEM WITH YOU.



Our monthly Men's Fellowship Dinner is reorganizing to return soon! Please contact Tom Duffy for more information





### BIBLE STUDY by Barbara Dean

Wednesdays from 10:30 am to 12 pm

ON HOLIDAY BREAK New session begins after holidays STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES COMING SOON!

Please contact Barbara Dean for more information

PASTOR SAM'S WORD on WEDNESDAY

Wednesday Evenings 6:00 pm Videos will be posted on our Facebook page each Wednesday evening by 6 pm. www.Facebook.com/ChesapeakeCityUMC For more information, contact Pastor Sam.

Pastor's Bible Study

Thursday Evenings - 6:00 pm Trinity - Fellowship Hall For more information, contact Pastor Sam.

> MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH Youth Service Project & Game Night @ Paris Foundation

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH COOKIE BAKE & DECORATION PARTY @ TRINITY

**JANUARY 7-9TH** Wave 2022 (Formerly Called Youth Rally)

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Cecilton UM Parish's United Methodist Men's Group 11th ANNUAL CROP HUNGER WALK November 13th

Register online at:

https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/ ceciltonmd

Join one of our "teams" for St. Paul's UMC, Zion UMC or Cecilton UM Parish online or Register day of the walk at Zion UMC at 8:30 am

Walk steps off at 9:00 am

#### CROP Hunger Walk - ending hunger one step at a time!

As you take each step in the CROP Hunger Walk, imagine that you're in Kenya, walking to get water that you'll carry back home in a 5-gallon jerry can balanced on your head. Your family needs this water for drinking, bathing, preparing meals or watering the garden or livestock. Whatever the reason, 5 gallons of water weighs about 42 pounds, and you may have to walk miles to get it.

Having to use so much of your valuable time to carry water keeps you from growing more vegetables, raising more livestock or developing a business. There is only so much time in a day.

There's a solution, and you can be part of it. CROP Hunger Walks help Church World Service work with (CROP WALK continues)

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communities to determine the best solution to their challenges. It could be a sand dam to help provide water. Livestock to help start a farm. Or tools or seeds to help keep a family fed - and healthy. Some ways your small steps can make a big difference:

\$10 can provide a pair of rabbits, which are a great source of protein.
\$50 can provide hoes, shovels and seeds, tools a family needs to grow a garden.
\$100 can provide 200 chicks, helping families find their way from need to nourishment.

Visit crophungerwalk.org today to donate or sign up for your Walk!

NOVEMBER 2021 SERVANT SCHEDULE							
<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Traditional	November 7	November 14	November 21	November 28			
Worship Leader	Tom Duffy	Doug Senn	Lisa Malin	Gwenn Barteld			
Acolyte	Lisa Malin						
Greeters	George & Joann Lovett						
Fellowship							
Coffee & Refreshments	Jim & Kathy Moran	Mikki Senn Jeanne Tracey	Linda Stanton Deb & Terry Forsythe	Edna Wyatt Barbara Lort Joyce Stansfield			
<b>11:00 a.m.</b> Contemporary							
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