

THE BRIDGE

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



Greetings friends!

Pastor Sam here, I pray everyone's Advent season is off to a joyous and prayerful start. It is wonderful to see many of our town and church traditions back this year after being absent for several, and I am glad to be able to join in on the fun! I encourage everyone to participate in the local Advent and Christmas celebrations as much as you feel comfortable too, but above all hold this season prayerfully in your hearts.

Advent is a wonderful time of both anticipation and celebration of Jesus entering the world. This message of hope is one that we simultaneously know and rediscover each and every year. While we celebrate with family, friends, and community we celebrate Jesus' work in our hearts and lives today, we also anticipate all the work yet to be done. Jesus may have already entered the world and our hearts, but seeks to re-enliven and transform us always. In Advent we anticipate that enlivening through celebration, praise, generous gift giving, and above all prayer. In this season, consider how we can not only celebrate in all the ways we love to with all the people we love to celebrate with, but also anticipate the new and beautiful things Jesus will do in and through us and our community this season. I ask that we hold the words of John 1:4-5 in our hearts, "What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." The Light of the world has, does, and will shine in our lives this and every season. May we celebrate the light and anticipate its shining in new ways this Advent.

While we are all certainly gladdened at the progress being made towards vaccines for young ones, now available for children as young as five years, I encourage everyone to continue to remain prayerful for an end to the current pandemic and the increasing infection rates we see. I asked 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.

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Sunday Worship at Trinity

9:00 am: Traditional

11:00 am: Contemporary

Virtual Worship Live on Facebook

Sundays at 9 & 11

www.facebook.com/chesapeakecityumc



JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

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)

We move forward into December both hopefully and cautiously, with Church leaders continuing 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 opportunity that I want to make everyone aware of is that we will be partnering with Elkton UMC to start a 'Grief Share' group. 'Grief Share' is an Christian organization that specializes in small groups designed to help folks process and move past grief of all kinds. One of the tragedies of the past few years is that many of us have been unable to grieve, or grieve communally over the various losses we have experienced, in the ways that we are accustomed to. This group will be open to all, but spaces are filling up fast so contact myself or Barbara Dean for more information.

Grace and Peace,

Sam Matthews

CCUMC Finance Corner

As the end of the year approaches, we are all encouraged by the progress toward ending the long pandemic that has affected us all. We are also concerned about inflationary pressures that are causing all our day-to-day expenses to spiral upwards. Please consider that both the pandemic and inflation have a direct impact on our church. We have been blessed that even with the uncertainties of meeting in person, and the long periods when we could safely meet only electronically, the offerings have not been severely disrupted. It does appear that we will break even this year or come very close to it. As for inflationary pressures, the church is no different than our families or any business. The operational costs of the church are going up. We have an annual budget of approximately \$182,000. Of this amount, slightly more than \$91,000 is committed to salaries and benefits. An additional \$54,000 goes toward the operations and upkeep of our properties, and \$13,000 for the operation of the church office. The balance of the budget funds our outreach activities and apportionments to the United Methodist Church.

(Finance Corner continues)

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So, where does the money come from? The bulk of our income comes from us in the form of our regular offerings. We anticipate that in 2021 this will amount to \$160,000. The balance comes from various fund-raising activities, with that money earmarked for specific mission programs. For example, the proceeds from the Christmas Bazaar support youth and children missions. (Please note that the Trinity Pre-school is a self-supporting activity).

Throughout this year we have heard from parishioners who shared their reasons for coming to church, and why they have chosen to support our church. In October, we heard from members of our congregation during the offertory prayers of their interests in supporting the various missions of the church. As we begin a new year, please consider your continuing support of the church through a renewed commitment to stewardship of your tithes, talents and time.

May God continue to bless us and watch over us in 2022!



DECEMBER WORSHIP

- 5th - 2nd Sunday of Advent**
- 12th - 3rd Sunday of Advent**
- 19th - 4th Sunday of Advent**
- 24th - 5:00 pm Jacob's Well
Christmas Eve Service**
- 24th - 7:00 pm Traditional
Christmas Eve Service**
- 26th - 1st Sunday after Christmas**



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.

The Church Office will be closed on:

- Christmas - Friday, December 24th
- New Years - Friday, December 31st

DECEMBER

MISSION:



The Angel Tree has been a ministry where CCUMC has provided gift cards, which are then given to The CCEA for distribution to clients. These cards are in addition to holiday cards provided by The CCEA in place of turkeys/hams.

The Angel tree is decorated with an array of angel ornaments. We ask you to consider placing a gift card on the tree and taking an angel ornament for your tree-your "thank you" from The CCEA.

Lastly, we suggest gift cards from Kohls, any of the variety of Dollar Stores, or Walmart in a denomination that you are comfortable with. Deb Forsythe will collect the cards each Sunday and deliver them to the center for distribution in the week to follow, as guests come in.

With our blessings and thanks...

Deb Forsythe
Chair for Angel Tree



We are excited to announce that Summer Camp 2022 Registration is [open](#)! Looking for an unplugged environment where your camper will build their faith, character and independence? Allow them to experience a genuine, inclusive community at Camp Pecometh's Christian summer camps. Living our mission of God-inspired, life-changing experiences, campers make memories for a lifetime and come back year after year. From day camps to half and full weeks of overnight camps for Kindergarten through 11th grade, there's a program for all interests. For summer of 2022, we have 5 NEW camps that we are offering, along with many of our usual camps!

For more information about Camp Pecometh, visit: <https://www.pecometh.org/about-camp-pecometh>

For a full list of our camps and program descriptions, visit: <https://www.pecometh.org/christian-summer-camp-program-descriptions>

For more information about registering for Summer Camp for 2022, visit: <https://www.pecometh.org/summer-camp>

TRINITY PRESCHOOL NEWS



Greetings from the preschool,

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. The church family is such a blessing to us and we're thankful for you all.

Can you believe it's December already? This month the children will continue learning about getting along with others, investigating similarities/differences and Holidays Around the World. We are excited to continue our chapel time with Pastor Sam. They keep him hopping and entertained!

As the Christmas season arrives and we begin to rush around both here in school and at home, this simple verse helps us to keep us centered...

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." - Luke 2:14

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and as Tiny Tim says "God Bless Us Every One".

Trinity Preschool,
Deidra, Letty & Katie



**It hurts to lose someone.
Find help at GriefShare.**

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

Beginning in January, CCUMC and Elkton UMC will begin a new partner GriefShare Support Group, meeting at Elkton UMC

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Dean at 410-708-2410



Dear Readers:

We welcome you back for another month of news. Our Board is currently in the process of rebuilding, as a many throughout Cecil County. We are looking for people from in/around Chesapeake City with servant hearts, interested in serving in an array of areas and bringing to the table a vast array of talents. We need those with strong leadership skills, knowledgeable in building a strong team. People with a background in technology, technology security, finance, volunteer coordinating are needed. Persons with a talent for retail and willing to learn a minimal amount of reporting related to receiving donations and logging client visits, etc. are needed for the Clothing/Home Pantry. Persons who are interested in volunteering one-two days a month and enjoy driving may be a great fit for delivering our Senior Care boxes to the sites registered. We make every effort to have a coordinator for each building, so once the boxes are delivered, the coordinator takes care of distribution within the building or property. We also have a variety of data entry needs, some of which can be worked from home!

We invite, no we encourage, you to visit our web-site at www.ccea4u.com to learn more about our ministries. If you would like to schedule a visit to the Complex-please send an e-mail to president@ccea4u.com and I will work to schedule a time to give you a tour, discuss our ministries and hopefully to answer your questions.

If you have visited our site, if you are acquainted with our services and you feel you are ready to step into volunteering, visit our web-site at www.ccea4u.com. To the left of the homepage you will find the "About Us" button, click on and at the bottom will be the Volunteer application button. We make every effort to respond in a timely fashion.

Become A
Volunteer

We wish to extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks to Alison & Tom Duffy who have generously provided "shoe box" toys to be included in the Wee Care boxes throughout the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season of 2021-and likely well into the New Year. We know these special surprises are well-received and an added treat! Tom and Alison spent \$400 and hours of shopping to give us a vast array of small toys, games and crafts that we can include as a special surprise.

This is the 2nd year they have adopted the CCEA as a part of the toy drive they spearhead. In addition to supporting our organization this amazing father/daughter duo identify and partner with schools in Cecil County. Tom is a retired Cecil County principal and Alison currently teaches in Cecil County.



WHAT'S BETTER ON A
COLD WINTER'S NIGHT
THAN A GREAT PLATE
OF PASTA W/GOOD
FRIENDS???

A 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

We have received a number of inquiries regarding our Spaghetti Dinner fund-raiser, a January favorite! The recipe will be entrusted to the talented cooks from the Knights of Columbus and we have 2 coordinators working diligently to pull together a team of volunteers to make this event come alive again! All proceeds will go to supporting the ministries of The CCEA!

If you would be interested in volunteering-we have a range of areas where we can fit you in and the time slots start at just one hour. We welcome high school students (as this is an early evening event). Our talented Barbara Z will be working on another fantastic "Chinese Silent Auction" and Maryanne Donovan has offered to provide an array of home baked desserts!

Save the date of January 22nd And visit our web-site at www.ccea4u.com for updates on time and ticket pricing and availability!

If you would like to volunteer for an hour or the evening, please visit our web-site (noted above)-on the home page click About Us and then look for the volunteer button. You can indicate you wish to volunteer for the Spaghetti Dinner.



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: lmalin68@gmail.com



TUESDAYS - 10:30 AM

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.

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

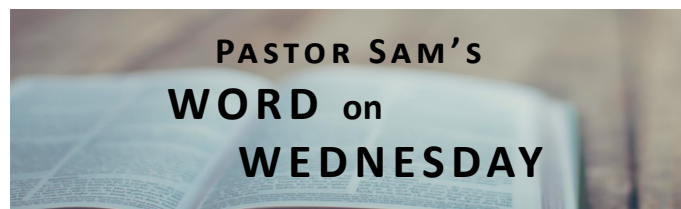
Wednesdays from
10:30 am to 12 pm

ON HOLIDAY BREAK

NEW SESSION BEGINS AFTER HOLIDAYS

STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES COMING SOON!

Please contact Barbara Dean
for more information



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.



Thursday Evenings - 6:00 pm
Trinity - Fellowship Hall

For more information, contact Pastor Sam

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH GROUP
SCHEDULE**



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

JANUARY 7-9TH
WAVE 2022
(FORMERLY CALLED YOUTH RALLY)

Blessings Overflow For Our Annual Bazaar!

We had a wonderful return to our Christmas Bazaar in November! God has blessed us with a loving and giving church family!

Thank you to all who supported by donating, attending, helping and the fellowship! The funds we raised go to support all church youth programs as well as the Generation Station after-school program.

In addition to our church family support, we were also blessed by the generosity of many local merchants. Please give a prayer of thanks to the merchants noted here. In addition, keep them in mind throughout the year for their kindness!

Chesapeake City Merchants

Café on the Bay - Camp Pecometh (Centreville, MD)
Chesapeake Hair Studio - Chesapeake Inn
Joan Tepper Body Massage - Serenity Spa



Pecometh



Elkton Merchants

Ad Art Signs & Graphics - Bakers Restaurant
Brantwood Deli - Fair Hill Florist
Elkton Batting Cage & Driving Range



Brantwood Discount Liquors
and Country Store



THANK YOU



Unfortunately, due to our small class size, we will not be having a Christmas play this year. Hopefully in the spring we will have more children attending and can have an Easter play. We will put this in Gods hands.

I would like to thank all of my teachers for helping this year. You have been a blessing.

We welcome any child potty trained and older to join us any Sunday that their calendars allow.

May you all have a blessed Christmas and safe and Happy New Year!

Your sister in Christ,

Lisa Malin

SATURDAY JANUARY 1 12 PM (Snow or Shine)

Registration & Warm-up @ 10:30 AM
Bohemia Ave. (Between 3rd & 4th St.)

New Year's Day **FREE** 5k

Welcome Back

RACE FEES
FREE, Donations accepted to benefit future races.
Please bring a non-perishable food item the day of the race to benefit the Chesapeake City Ecumenical Association's Food Pantry.

**First 150 Participants to receive a commemorative gift!*

REGISTER
Register online at <https://forms.gle/sqrd13ReFkP6eicNA>
Or in person at Town Hall of Chesapeake City
Forms can also be found at www.chesapeakecity-md.gov
Sorry, no strollers, roller blades, dogs, or wearing of headphones

QUESTIONS
Please contact Race Coordinator Frank Vari 410-885-2161

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Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ChesapeakeCityRaces
Please bring a non-perishable food item the day of the race to benefit the Chesapeake City Ecumenical Association's Food Pantry

Race Proceeds Benefit Chesapeake City's Recycling Program

Town of Chesapeake City * 108 Bohemia Ave * Chesapeake City, MD 21915 * 410-885-5298

DECEMBER 2021 SERVANT SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. Traditional	December 5	December 12	December 19	December 24 Christmas Eve	December 26
Worship Leader	Don Hartwig	Karol Armstrong	Cheryl Hartwig	Marian Harvey	Barbara Lort
Acolyte	Marian Harvey				
Greeters	Gwenn & John Barteld and Barbara & Ron Lort				
Advent Wreath	Ohline Family	Caldwell Family	Lort/Tollinger Family	***	***
Fellowship					
Coffee & Refreshments	Jim & Kathy Moran	Mikki Senn Jeanne Tracey	Marian Harvey	***	Edna Wyatt Barbara Lort Joyce Stansfield
11:00 a.m. Contemporary					
Greeters	Servants Needed				
Advent Wreath	Mabry Family	Wolfenden Family	Stansfield Family	***	***
CCEA Food Delivery	*Servants Needed*	*Servants Needed*	*Servants Needed*	***	*Servants Needed*

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES SCHEDULE

TUESDAYS: LADIES BIBLE STUDY
10:30 am at the home of Mary Meadows

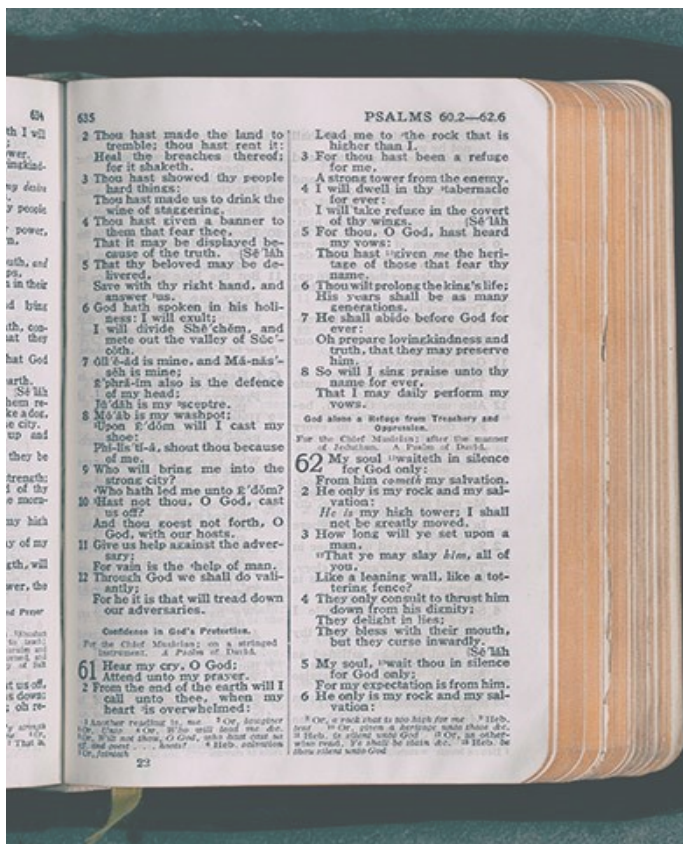
WEDNESDAYS: BIBLE STUDY BY BARBARA DEAN
10:30 am - 12:00 pm
ON HOLIDAY BREAK

WORD ON WEDNESDAY
6:00 pm - on Facebook at:
www.facebook.com/chesapeakecityumc

THURSDAYS: PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY
6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall, Trinity

SUNDAYS: SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
10:15 am Downstairs at Trinity

See Page 4 for more information on each of these groups



December

**Traditional
Worship
9 am
Trinity**

**Contemporary
Jacob's Well Service
11:00 am
Trinity**

**Virtual Worship
Facebook Live
9 & 11 am**

**Sunday School
Classes
Sundays at 10:15 am
Downstairs Trinity**

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1 6:00 pm - Word on Wednesday (FB)	2 6:00 pm - Praise Band Rehearsal (Tr) 6:00 pm - Pastor's Bible Study (FH) 	3	4 Chesapeake City Christmas Market
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