



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 is staying safe and warm during these winter months and maybe even enjoying the chill of the season! As wintry days continue to drag on we still find ourselves in the strange time between the joyous celebrations of Christmas and New Year's, and the beginning of spring and Easter celebrations. This is the season where our routines return to 'normal' after the business of the holidays but we still find ourselves waiting; for the return of warmth, for the blooms of spring, for God to do something new in our lives.

The faithful know that this season of waiting has a name: Lent. We begin this next season in the life of the church near the end of February, but the whole time period after Christmas and New Year carries a similar feeling. In the midst of the cold gray days of winter we long for a warmth to arrive both physically and spiritually. It is the time where we look ahead to the light and love of Easter, longing for God to break through the grave-like state our lives often feel like. Lent is a season where, through waiting and watching, we look to better embody the work God did and the work God is doing in the world today. Though we are not at the joyous rising of Easter yet and our lives are probably not fully risen with love and joy and peace, remember the Psalmist words; "Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!" This season is about waiting, in the sense of preparing our hearts and lives for the work ahead, for the living of a fuller and more loving life in the Resurrection Power Jesus offers all who wait on the Lord's timing.

I encourage us to see these chilly days and longing for something warmer, fuller, more alive as calling to the faithful 'waiting' God desires in this season of our lives. Spend some time in the season before Lent considering the work God has in store for you and our community, and wait faithful for God's guidance on living it out.

Grace and Peace,

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 9:00 am: Traditional
 11:00 am: Jacob's Well
 Virtual Worship Live on Facebook
 Sundays at 9 & 11
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MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
 Articles and submissions for the next edition of *The Bridge* are due to office@chesapeakecityumc.com by **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 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.

FEBRUARY MISSION:

ROTATING SHELTER

SHOW THE **LOVE** IN FEBRUARY

BY DONATING BREAKFAST CEREAL AND NEW SOCKS TO THOSE IN NEED. DONATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AT TRINITY AND DELIVERED TO THE MARY RANDALL CENTER.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



The Monday Morning Bible Study taught by Paula Lutz and held at the home of Barbara Dean will begin **Monday,**

February 13th from 10:30 am to 12 pm.

This 6 week study will be “ The story of Ruth” (How an ordinary person can make an extraordinary contribution in life.) The doors will be open at 10am if you need coffee! If you have questions please call me 410-708-2410 or contact Pastor Sam. I would ask that you text me to let me know if you are interested in coming (just so we have an idea of how many are going to attend. Looking forward to another great study.



Lenten Study

CCUMC Finance Corner

The financial books have been closed for 2022. There is good news to report...but also some not-so-good news to report as well. First, the financial support of the congregation has been very strong! We exceeded expectations by several thousand dollars, we have met our obligations to the Conference and paid all our bills. The not-so-good news is that our costs went up more than the increase in stewardship, and we ended the year with a deficit. All of us can appreciate the inflation in utilities, insurance, and other necessary expenses in our lives. CCUMC was not exempt from these economic facts of life. We have made efforts to control costs but we still must provide for the basic needs of the church in terms of comfort, safety, and essential services.

We must all have faith that we will address these challenges with continued strong stewardship and continued efforts to manage costs. You may note that the church is a little cooler in the cold weather, and perhaps a little warmer in the warm weather. You may note that fewer lights are on in the building. You may also note that the offering plate is more visible and that the gifts are acknowledged more strongly in services. These are all steps toward balancing our budget. Also, the financial note in the Sunday bulletin now reflects a true picture of progress toward our giving goals, which was not the case in the past. Meanwhile, please enjoy a healthy, happy and prosperous 2023

FEBRUARY WORSHIP

- 5th - 5th Sunday after the Epiphany**
- 12th - 6th Sunday after the Epiphany**
- 19th - Transfiguration Sunday**
- 26th - 1st Sunday in Lent**



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.



Mondays
Beginning
February 27st

at Elkton UMC from 6 to 7:30 pm

Christian Grief Share group beginning on Feb 27 ,2023:from 6 pm to 730pm Mondays for 6 weeks at Elkton United Methodist Church. First room on the right inside the back door of the church.

This group provides a video made by experts in the field of grief recovery. It is followed by a discussion. There is no pressure to share any information, however if you participate in the discussion it does help with healing. There is no charge, a free book is also provided. The group is co-led by Tom Duffy and Barb Dean

Please let either Pastor Sam, Tom Duffy or Barb Dean know if you plan to attend.

CCEA Updates

February 21, 2023

5pm to 7pm

CCEA Shrove Tuesday Supper will be held at St. Rose of Lima



SHROVE TUESDAY

The next Care Box preparation day for Canal Town residents will be Sunday, February 5th.

10 "Wee Care" boxes were made Saturday, January 14th for Chesapeake City Elementary School. Thank you to everyone for their continued support of this important ministry!

TRAVEL SIZE personal care products: shampoos, bath soaps, deodorants, Q-tips, band aids, aspirins, Kleenex and single rolls of toilet paper
SINGLE-SERVE FOOD: Single serve cereals (hot or cold), Single serve soup cups or noodle cups, Single-serve fruit cups, applesauce and/or puddings, and individually packaged snacks like crackers, granola bars, Nutri-grain bars, etc.

**Please be sure to mark your donations "Care Box Ministry"

With appreciation and gratitude from the Care Box Ministry Team members and Coordinator



FREE FAMILY EVENT!

EASTER EGG HUNT / OPEN HOUSE

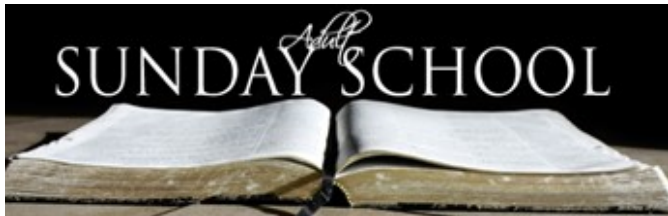
April 8th 2023 12pm | 227 Basil Av. Chesapeake City

The CCEA is continuing to work with the Mary Randel Center, this winter season, to help those individuals in need stay warm through the cold days ahead. Each month donating a bag of winter clothes and accoutrements that have been collected taking them to the Mary Randel Center. Being blessed to have an abundance of winter goods this year making the donations possible. Keep the heavy coats, warm scarves and hats coming. Each and every one counts and could mean the difference of life and death for those struggling with the cold.



SMALL GROUPS

GET INVOLVED



Adult
SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 mariantodharvey@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



BIBLE STUDY
with Barbara Dean
Led by Paula Lutz

Mondays - 10:30 am to 12 pm
In the home of Barbara Dean
Please contact Barbara Dean
for more information: 410-708-2410



NEXT DINNER:
Tuesday, February 28
6:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

THE UPPER ROOM
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

New 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



GRIEF SHARE
SUPPORT GROUP
CCUMC & ELKTON UMC

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Starting February 27th

If you have any questions or to express interest, please contact Barbara Dean at 410-708-2410



LADIES'
BIBLE STUDY

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.

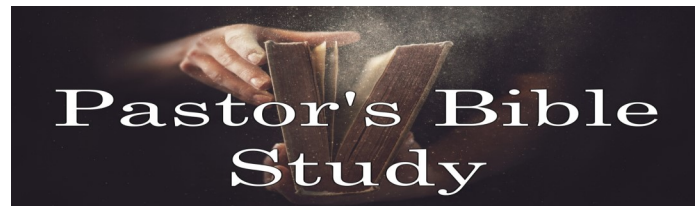
PASTOR SAM'S
WORD on
WEDNESDAY

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

FEBRUARY 2023 SERVANT SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. Traditional	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
Worship Leader	Mikki Senn	Ron Lort	Victoria Foraker	Tom Duffy
Acolyte	Wren Burkhardt			
Greeters	Rich & Dorie Borrell			
Fellowship	Mikki & Doug Senn Kathi Moran	Mikki Senn Jeanne Tracey	<i>Servants Needed</i>	Edna Wyatt Barbara Lort Joyce Stansfield
CCEA Food Delivery	<i>Servants Needed</i>	<i>Servants Needed</i>	<i>Servants Needed</i>	<i>Servants Needed</i>

JANUARY SUNDAYS AT TRINITY

9:00 AM



10:15 AM



11:00 AM



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES SCHEDULE

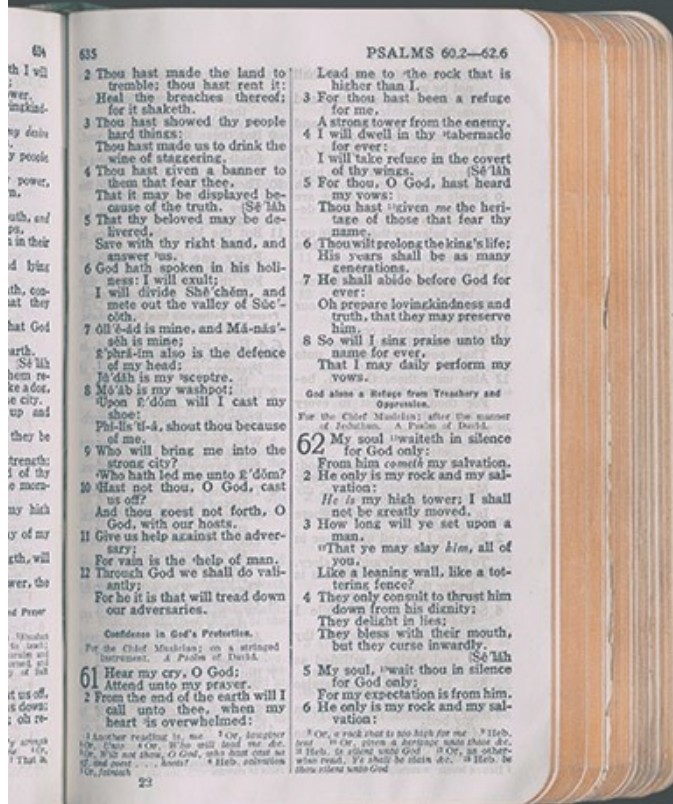
MONDAYS: BIBLE STUDY BY PAULA LUTZ
10:30 am - 12:00 pm
at the home of Barbara Dean

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

WEDNESDAYS: 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
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:15 am Downstairs at Trinity



See Page 4 for more information on each of these groups



**Traditional
Worship
9 am
Trinity**

**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

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