



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 this very mild end to the winter season. Already we see flowers beginning to burst from the ground as a chill remains in the air. Spring is not yet fully sprung, but I hope these final days of winter may be a blessing for us all.

One of the things that marks this strange time between the end of winter and the beginning of spring is the season of Lent. This section of the Christian year that started on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22) and runs through Easter (April 9), and focuses on the practices of *penitence*. This season which mirrors the 40 days that Jesus spends in the wilderness in Matthew Chapter 4, calls us to a meditative, reflective, and penitent walk with the Lord. It is a season where many Christian traditions fast and take on extra forms of devotion above and beyond that which one typically does. It is a season which calls us to focus the entirety of our being on walking closer to Jesus by reflecting on the ways we have not been walking close to him in our life already. This is where our word *penitence* comes in, by reflecting and meditating on our own shortcomings and sins we hope to use this knowledge to better walk with God in the future. Just as the season of Lent ends with the triumphant celebration of Easter, so too should our periods of reflection and fasting end with a new spring of devotion and passion for living into the love of the Lord.

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Sunday Worship at Trinity

9:00 am: Traditional

11:00 am: Jacob's Well

Virtual Worship Live on Facebook

Sundays at 9 & 11

www.facebook.com/chesapeakecityumc



April NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22ND

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

This is a season typically marked as a period of fasting, of going without the unnecessary things of life. Historically this meant giving up meat or dairy, more recently many people adjust their diets or other habits to abstain from luxuries or unnecessary things. But we of the faith must remember that the entire purpose of these fasting periods is not simply to go without, but to focus ourselves on the reflection that the season calls us to. This is a gravely needed thing in our world today, not in the sense that we need to eat less, but instead that we find ourselves in grave need of some genuine reflection. We as individuals, communities, and a nation find ourselves so often overwhelmed with negativity, conflict, and sin of all kinds. This fact should not call us to despair, but instead to a penitent attitude. This season should be a wake up call to our desperate need for real reflection and a real change that leads to a closer walk with God. So as wintry days come to a close and spring comes into greater bloom, I encourage each of us to seek after a similar blossoming of our own spiritual lives. Let us reflect on our shortcomings that we may walk ever closer to our lord Jesus, and live in ever greater love to God and to all our neighbors.

Grace and Peace,

Sam Mitchell

**MARCH****MISSION:****TRINITY UMC PRESCHOOL**

Our Preschoolers are More Precious Than Gold



The preschool program continues to grow offering 3 to 5 half or full day classes. We currently serve 30 families offering a faith based, high-quality safe, learning environment for preschoolers and school age children. All donations support our scholarship fund and help make upgrades to our classrooms. Please continue to pray for the health and safety of our staff, children and families and let your friends or family know we are here. Registration for fall 2023 will begin in April. Lastly, if you're looking to add a little more joy to your days, contact us to learn about how you can become a volunteer or substitute. Hugs are unlimited and every day brings a new adventure.

Have a Beautiful and Blessed March!

Deidra Johnson, Director

Lent Word Search

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|-----------|----------|--------|-------|-------|
| WEDNESDAY | RELIGION | EASTER | ASHES | CROSS |
| SACRIFICE | LITURGY | CHURCH | JESUS | PALMS |
| KINDNESS | FASTING | PURPLE | FORTY | LENT |



EASTER EGGS

IF YOU CAN, PLEASE START COLLECTING & FILLING EMPTY EASTER EGGS. YOU CAN DROP THEM BACK OFF FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT. ON THE BENCH OUTSIDE THE SANCTUARY.

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THE HUNT WILL BE AT 10:15 AM ON PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND



March 1st 7:00pm-8:00pm

Bethel AME

Service will be held online and in-person by Rev. Nicole Pyles
<http://www.facebook.com/bethelchesapeakecity>
 201 2nd St. Chesapeake City, MD 21915

March 8th 7:00pm-8:00pm

St. Basil

Service will be held in-person by Rev. Volodymyr Klanichka
 St. Basil Ukrainian Catholic Church
 231 Basil Ave. Chesapeake City, MD 21915

March 15th 7:00pm-8:00pm

First Presbyterian

Service will be held in-person by Rev. Laurie Loveless
 1st Presbyterian Church
 351 Biddle St. Chesapeake City, MD 21915



ORDER YOUR 2023 EASTER LILIES NOW!

Order Easter Lilies to honor a loved one or in memory of a loved one.

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

Deadline is Palm Sunday: APRIL 2, 2023

Please be sure to order on time to ensure that we are able to have the flowers needed.

ORDER ENVELOPES CAN BE FOUND IN THE FLYER RACK IN THE FOYER OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE AND ON THE TABLE IN THE BELL TOWER

Payment is due with your order.

Make checks payable to: CCUMC and please include "Easter Lilies" on the memo line. Please place your completed order envelope in the secure drop-box beside the Church Office.



The Knights of Columbus are having their monthly breakfast at St. Rose of Lima Hall 301 Lock Street, Chesapeake City on Sunday, March 19, 2022, 8 am to 11 am. It is held monthly on the 3rd Sunday from September through May. The hall is handicap accessible.

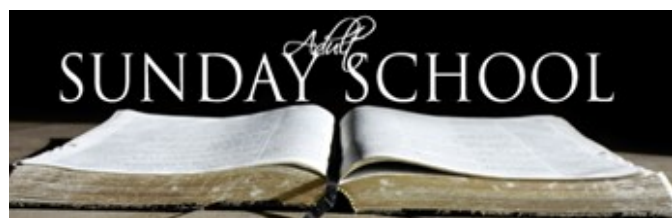
Menu includes: Pancakes (including blueberries), Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Scrapple, Hash Browns, Coffee, Tea, and Juice.

Cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$8.00 senior citizens (60+) and \$6.00 for children (11 to 18), children under 10 are free. Proceeds benefit the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus Council 6543.

Support those who support our community.



Please be aware that the CCEA has begun to collect recyclables for their building fund. You will find two recycling containers on the side of CCEA building and can place items into them as marked, but please place items in a bag first before dropping into the containers and also rinse cans first. If you have larger items like bicycles or microwaves you can place them on ground next to the containers. Any questions please see Frank Vari as he is usually at this site on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.



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



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, March 28 th
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
HELD AT ELKTON UMC

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.

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



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.



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

MARCH 2023 SERVANT SCHEDULE

| 9:00 a.m. Traditional | March 5 | March 12 | March 19 | March 26 |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--|------------------------|
| Worship Leader | Doug Senn | Lisa Malin | Gwenn Barteld | Don Hartwig |
| Acolyte | Elsie Kreush | | | |
| Greeters | Tucker Matthews | | | |
| Fellowship | Jim & Kathy Moran | Mikki Senn Jeanne Tracey | Edna Wyatt Barbara Lort Joyce Stansfield | Sunday School Class |
| CCEA Food Delivery | <i>Servants Needed</i> | <i>Servants Needed</i> | <i>Servants Needed</i> | <i>Servants Needed</i> |

MARCH 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**

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