



# THE BRIDGE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CHESAPEAKE CITY UNITED METHODIST CHARGE

**MAY 2023**

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



*Greetings friends!*

Pastor Sam here, I pray that the beginning of spring is treating each of you well and you are not too troubled by allergies and pollen to enjoy the blooming of God's creation. I am always amazed at the fresh beauty God unveils during the springtime, and this year is no exception.

This year the month of May ends with one of the greatest celebrations of the Christian year, that of Pentecost. This is a Sunday where we commemorate the sending of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the leaders of the early church, and pray for God to do the same for us the Church of today in a new way. This time between Easter Sunday and Pentecost centers itself on the creation of the Church, which is brought into its fullness on Pentecost itself. Considering the theme of this season my mind is drawn to the familiar words of Jesus teaching on the true vine from John 15: 1-4

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the words I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.”

The faithful must remember that we are bound to Christ not just in our conversion but in the living of everyday life as well. As we look forward to the celebration of the creation of the church, the Body of Christ in this world, we must also be attentive to ways that we can continue to participate in that same Body.

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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

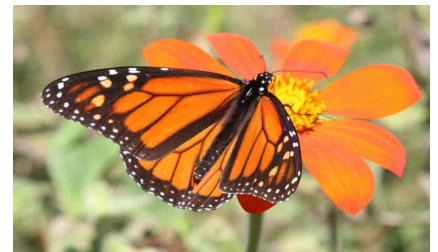
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### JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Articles and submissions for the next edition of *The Bridge* are due to [office@chesapeakecityumc.com](mailto:office@chesapeakecityumc.com) by

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24TH**

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*

We, like the disciples of old, must consider again how connected we are to the life-giving and ever sustaining Body of Christ that we call the Church. All of us are called to spend this season not just looking for ways to live out the faith in our own individual lives, but to strengthen our connections as families and communities to one another and to God. In the ministries of the early church and in our lives today we see that the most fruitful efforts, the most loving witnesses, and the most gracious acts are almost always born from connections we make to one another or from those who are in deep and abiding ways connected to their church family.

As we look forward this month to the day of Pentecost, let us pray for the sending of God's Spirit upon the Church anew. That all of us who enter into this mystical Body might remain faithfully connected to one another and to God who first gave us birth  
Grace and Peace,

Pastor Sam




**WANT TO MAKE SOME  
MUSIC THIS SUMMER?**

Believe it or not, May is upon us; that means the traditional service choir will be taking their summer break. So the door is wide open for anyone to offer special music in church. Actually, that opportunity is available at all times, it is just more urgently needed during the summer.

Songs, instrumental music, dance, skits, recitation, so many possibilities for helping to make worship meaningful and enjoyable. Don't be shy, we are all gathering to honor God, not critique and judge. If you have something to express, please get in touch with Mikki Senn:

410-885-2846 or [mikkisenn@outlook.com](mailto:mikkisenn@outlook.com)



Sunday School is about to wrap up for the year..but not until after the kids get to cash in on their reward for attending Sunday school

this year. On May 21st during Sunday school time, Mrs. Lisa gets wet!! If your child attended Sunday school, they earned a water balloon for each day of attendance. Please make sure to send you child in with a change of clothes and/or a towel. they should not be the ones getting wet, however they may burst a balloon during their attempt to hit me. We will resume Sunday school in the Fall, 5/21 is our lasts day until school resumes. A date will be provided in a later newsletter.

I also want to place on your heart my need for volunteers to teach classes in the Fall. Our material is easy to follow and you would never be alone! Please pray on this and let me know if you are interested! I would love to have 1 committed teacher and 1 volunteer for each Sunday on a rotation basis. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or to volunteer!

## Trinity UMC Preschool



The preschool is fluttering into May as we finish the 2022-2023 school year. Our culminating event will be the end of year ceremony and celebration on May 25th. Then a few of our children will return for a fun-filled summer session during the months of June and July. The preschool will be closed in August.

Registration is still open for next school year. Register early to get your preferred session and secure your child's space in our faith-based, high-quality, affordable program. The classes run half or full day for 3-5 days per week. Contact us now for more information and to schedule a tour.

Lastly, when visiting the church during preschool hours, please help us in following safety procedures by keeping all exterior doors locked and not allowing anyone entry into the building. Visitors wanting to enter the building must use the intercom.

Be Blessed!

Deidra Johnson

Trinity UMC Preschool Director

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## WHAT'S COOKING AT-KANAL KITCHEN

This small group creates, delivers, and serves a complete meal the last Thursday of each month to The Mary Randall Center, The Men's Shelter, and Clairvaux Farm

because God=Love (in the form of food in our case). This month we are having chicken casserole with dressing. Joyce Stansfield and Jean Tracy usually share the meal at Mary Randall/Men's Shelter at lunch time, and the Senns or various volunteers do likewise at Clairvaux for dinner.

We get plenty of appreciation from all recipients, and get the opportunity to sit and talk over the food. It really is fun. Our church has always been very supportive of this mission, and has chipped in whatever is needed. For that everyone involved is very grateful. As we all know, ours is a very big hearted church family.

If you would like to lend a hand in May, we will need someone to deliver the meal to Clairvaux Farm at 5:45 pm on Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup>. It will be prepared and ready to go, and there will be no pots/pans to return. You are encouraged to stay and eat, but are not required if time doesn't allow. If you are willing and available, please contact Mikki Senn at 410-885-2846 or [mikkisenn@outlook.com](mailto:mikkisenn@outlook.com). In case you haven't participated before, you would find that that the old cliché is true – you really do get more out of serving than you give.



*It's SPRING!*

**CCUMC Yard Sale will be  
Saturday May 13th  
beginning at 7:00 am**

*\* coincides with the Chesapeake City town-wide Yard Sale*

Limited Space is available for \$10 table fee (or donation of your choice)

**CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE  
TO SECURE A SPOT. 410-885-5641 OR  
OFFICE@CHESAPEAKECITYUMC.COM**

*All proceeds will benefit  
CCUMC*



## Calling all Cars:

**A member of our church family is in need of a reasonably priced \*(how low can you go) serviceable automobile.**

**If you have or know of an available candidate, please contact the church office or Pastor Sam to let them know.**

**Many Thanks!!**





The CCEA provides food, clothing and household item free of charge. We also provide financial assistance but there is no cash on site. The CCEA provides special funding for needs such as rent and utility payments. Financial assistance is provided via electronic check to the company providing the service, never directly to our clients. If we can help you please come in and talk to us.

Day	CCEA Hours of Operation	Services
Tuesday	9 AM- 11:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Food Pantry Curb-Side Distribution</li> <li>➤ Food Pantry Donations</li> <li>➤ Food Distribution for Walk-Ins</li> <li>➤ CCEA Nurse on Duty</li> <li>➤ Clothing &amp; Home Pantry</li> <li>➤ Emergency Financial Assistance</li> </ul>
Wednesday	9-AM – 11:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Food Pantry Donations</li> <li>➤ Food Distribution for Walk-Ins</li> <li>➤ CCEA Nurse on Duty</li> <li>➤ Clothing &amp; Home Pantry</li> <li>➤ Emergency Financial Assistance</li> <li>➤ Knock &amp; Drop, please call 410-885-3244 to schedule your delivery for the following Tuesday.</li> </ul>

## VBS NEED SOME SPACE?



We've got a Stellar spot for you!

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24**  
**8 AM**  
**(Rain or Shine)**

Registration & Warm-up @ 6:00 AM  
Schaefer's Restaurant Bank St. Parking Lot  
\*NOVA TIMING CHIP SYSTEM TO BE UTILIZED BY RACES2RUN\*

**RACE FEES**  
\$25 for pre-registration BY June 16, 2023  
\$30 for registration AFTER June 16, 2023  
\$15 for Kids 11 & Under

\*Pre-Register by June 16 to receive a commemorative shirt!

**REGISTER**  
Register online at [WWW.RACES2RUN.COM](http://WWW.RACES2RUN.COM)  
Or in person at Town Hall of Chesapeake City  
Forms can also be found at [www.chesapeakecity-md.gov](http://www.chesapeakecity-md.gov)  
Sorry, no strollers, roller blades, dogs, or wearing of headphones

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

Like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ChesapeakeCityRaces](http://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

Chesapeake City's  
14th Annual  
**2023**  
**Canal Race**  
**5k Run/Walk**

**Awards by Class:**  
Overall Male & Female  
Top 3 Walkers Male & Female  
Age Groups by Male & Female:  
11 & Under, 12-18, 19-29,  
30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69,  
70 & Over  
**BUSINESS CHALLENGE**

New friends • Amazing experiments • Creative games  
Super-fun snacks • Surprising adventures • Incredible music

Location: Sponsored by CCEA @ Town Point Church  
(church name)

Save these dates: July 23 - 27  
(VBS dates)

Each day's fun happens from: 5-8 PM  
(daily start and end times)

For more information, call or visit: 443-553-4049  
(church phone number and web address)

Register online here: [https://ccea4u.formstack.com/forms/vbs\\_registration](https://ccea4u.formstack.com/forms/vbs_registration)  
(registration web address)

Keep the Redner's receipts coming!

Rebates from those receipts help pay for food that we purchase to support pantry needs. Please remember to use your REDNER'S REWARDS CARD with every purchase. Receipts that do not show "Save-a-Tape" total cannot be redeemed by our agency for cash credits.



**May 21st is the last day of  
Children (s) Sunday School  
until the Fall!**

**Kids will get to throw  
earned water balloons at  
Mrs. Lisa**

**Please dress accordingly...**

**Town Point Meeting  
May 7th  
10:00am & noon  
Fellowship Hall**

**Yard Sales 2023**

ICA Consulting Company Llc  
2615 Augustine Herman Highv  
Chesapeake City, MD 21915

\$10 for a table, plenty of room to spread-out  
Plenty of parking - Right off Route 213  
0.2 tenths of a mile SOUTH of the bridge!

Setup at 7AM  
Sale 8-1Pm - Early birds give us time to setup!

**Dates for the Season**  
April 8, 2023 8-1PM  
May 13, 2023 8-1PM  
June 10, 2023 8-1PM  
July 8th, 2023 8-1PM  
August 12th, 2023 8-1PM  
September 9, 2023 8-1PM  
October 14, 2023 8-1PM



**CCUMC  
Finance Corner**

WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

ANNUAL INSURANCE  
PREMIUMS  
**\$41,746**

THE OFFICIAL DAY OF PRAYER  
**PRAY FERVENTLY  
IN RIGHTEOUSNESS**

AND WAIT MUCH

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
**MAY 4, 2023**

TRINITY-UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
450 THIRD STREET - SOUTH CHES. CITY  
MAY 4, 2023 - 6:30PM

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**Happy Mother's  
Day**



COOL2BKIDS





**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](mailto: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](mailto: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, May 30 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**

**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](http://www.Facebook.com/ChesapeakeCityUMC)

For more information, contact Pastor Sam.



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

# MAY 2023 SERVANT SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. Traditional	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Worship Leader	Beth Ohline	Todd Harvey	Mikki Senn	Ron Lort
Acolyte	Finn Burkhardt			
Greeters	Lisa Malin			
Fellowship	Jim & Kathy Moran	Caring Committee	Mikki Senn Jeanne Tracey	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>

## MAY 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](http://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

<b>30</b> 9:00am - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 10:15 am - Easter Egg Hunt 10:15 am - Adult Sunday School (downstairs) 10:15 am - Fellowship Hour (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 am - Jacob's Well Worship (Trinity) 12:15 pm - Confirmation Class (Fellowship Hall)	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10:30am - Ladies Bible Study (Mary Meadows)	<b>3</b> 6:00 pm - Word on Wednesday (FB)	<b>4</b> 6:00 pm - Praise Band Rehearsal (Tr) 6:30 pm - National Day of Prayer (Trinity)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:00am - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00 am & Noon - Town Point Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 10:15 am - Sunday School Classes (downstairs) 10:15 am - Fellowship Hour (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 am - Jacob's Well Worship (Trinity) 12:30 pm - Confirmation Class (Fellowship Hall)	<b>8</b> 7:00 pm - Finance Committee Mtg (Zoom)	<b>9</b> 10:30am - Ladies Bible Study (Mary Meadows)	<b>10</b> 6:00 pm - Word on Wednesday (FB)	<b>11</b> 6:00pm - Pastor's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm - Praise Band Rehearsal (Tr)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8:00am-1pm - Town Yard Sale
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<b>28</b> <b>Pentecost &amp; Confirmation Sunday</b> 9:00am - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 10:15 am - Adult School Classes (downstairs) 10:15 am - Fellowship Hour (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 am - Jacob's Well Worship (Trinity) 12:15 pm - Confirmation Class (Fellowship Hall)	<b>29</b> 	<b>30</b> 10:30am - Ladies Bible Study (Mary Meadows) 6:30 pm - Men's Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall) 	<b>31</b>			