



# THE BRIDGE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CHESAPEAKE CITY UNITED METHODIST CHARGE

**FEBRUARY 2024**

***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 wintery days continue to drag on we 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 spiritual season in the life of the church near the middle 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 of our lives and surrounding world. Lent is this 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 grace, remember these words from Daniel 9; "Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayers and please for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashed." 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 a calling to the faithful waiting and turning 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,  
Pastor Sam



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Sunday Worship at Trinity

10:00 am: Service

Virtual Worship Live on Facebook

Sundays at 10 am

[www.facebook.com/chesapeakecityumc](http://www.facebook.com/chesapeakecityumc)



### MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

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

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST**

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.



**Lent**  
Pray . Fast . Give

# 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!



# FEBRUARY WORSHIP

4th - 4th Sunday after the Epiphany  
11th - Transfiguration Sunday  
18th - 1st Sunday in Lent  
25th - 2nd Sunday in Lent

Trinity UMC  
450 Third St.  
Chesapeake City  
410-885-2148

## VALENTINE'S PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Leave the kids with us for a fun-filled evening while you enjoy a well-deserved break.

DATE

**FEB. 9, 2024**

TIME

**5:00-8:30**

COST

**\$30/CHILD**

\$20 additional sibling

Cut bottom portion and return with payment by Feb. 7th.  
(cash or checks written out to Trinity Preschool)

I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_,  
to participate in the Parent's Night Out. I also give consent for my  
child to have medical care if immediate treatment is necessary. I  
have read and understand this permission slip and release Trinity  
UMC from liability as a result of any injury, damages or medical  
treatment due to my child's participation in the event.

Does the child have any food allergies? Yes ☐ No ☐ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature & Date

Contact #

Emergency Contact Name Emergency

Contact #

*Fresh flowers are now available to  
adorn our altar each Sunday  
"in memory", or "in honor",  
of your loved ones.*

The standard cost for florist-choice  
flowers each week will be \$40.00.  
Additional and special flower selections will also  
be available at a custom rate.

There is a sign-up sheet in the bell tower  
to select your Sunday and indicate your  
dedication intention. Orders and payment  
are due on the Tuesday prior to your selected  
Sunday.

For more information,  
please contact  
Tom Duffy.



Altar Flowers



**SPRING BIBLE STUDY**

with Barbara Dean Led by  
Paula Lutz



This Spring we will be studying the book of Habakkuk  
It is a very short book but very powerful!

Classes will be held Monday

February 19th, February 26th, March 4th & March 11th

from 10:30 am to 12 pm

In the home of Barbara Dean  
43 Basil Ave., Chesapeake City

Please contact Barbara Dean  
for more information: 410-708-2410

**Spaghetti Dinner**  
CCEA Celebrates  
32 years of service  
to the community!

**Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
4-7 p.m. Chesapeake City VFW**

\$12 adult in advance \$15 at the door,  
children under 5 eat free!  
Spaghetti, meatballs, salad, dessert, & iced tea.  
VFW bar open for adult beverages.  
Takeout available  
Tickets/takeout [www.ccea4u.com](http://www.ccea4u.com)  
Chesapeake City Ecumenical Association is a registered 501(c)(3)  
All proceeds benefit the CCEA Food Pantry.  
Please bring a nonperishable food item to support our food pantry.



Sip & Stroll 2024

Saturday February 17th

1:00pm - 5:00 pm

Town Hall, 108 Bohemia Ave

Sip and Stroll through historic Chesapeake City while you sample from over a dozen wine, beer and spirit vendors! You will receive a commemorative wine glass to enjoy unlimited samples with the purchase of your ticket! It will be a magical day! Food will be available for purchase and all of the gift shops, stores and restaurants will be open!



Available at:

[www.CCEA4U.com](http://www.CCEA4U.com)



**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  
In Memory of Fr. Pippin**



Augustine Parish and St. Rose of Lima are combining efforts  
to bring the community a pancake supper on  
Shrove Tuesday  
Please join us for good food, fellowship and FUN!

**Date: February 13**

**Time: 5-7 pm**

**Location: St. Rose Hall, Chesapeake City**

**Cost: Free Will Offering**

Menu includes pancakes, sausages, applesauce, and beverages in  
a Mardi Gras theme!  
Proceeds Benefit the Charitable Works of the CCEA.



## WINTER WEATHER ALERTS

Should winter weather occur, we want to remind everyone that any announcements regarding worship cancellation or changes in events due to inclement weather will be posted in a timely manner on our website and on our Facebook page.



**Sundays at 9:00am  
Downstairs Room 2!**

If you have any questions,  
please contact Marian Harvey at  
[mariantodharvey@gmail.com](mailto:mariantodharvey@gmail.com)

**Come along with us on our faith journey!**



**Children's  
Sunday School**

**10:00am in sanctuary and  
dismissed to classroom after  
children's message**

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, February 27 th  
6:30 pm  
Fellowship Hall**



## **FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

**STAY A LITTLE LATER**

and join us in the Fellowship Hall between  
services to share time getting to know one  
another better, catching-up on the past week,  
planning ahead, or just chatting!



**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's Bible  
Study**

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



# FEBRUARY 2024 SERVANT SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship Service	February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
Worship Leader	Lisa Malin	Don Hartwig	Karol Armstrong	Barbara Lort
Acolyte	Olivia Dockter			
Greeters	Rich & Dorie Borrell			
Fellowship	Jim & Kathy Moran	Caring Committee	Mikki Senn Jeanne Tracey	Edna Wyatt Barbara Lort Joyce Stansfield

## FEBRUARY SUNDAYS AT TRINITY

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

10:15 AM

11:15 AM



PSALMS 60.2-62.6

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.  
3 For thou hast been a refuge for me.  
4 A strong tower from the enemy.  
4 I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever:  
I will take refuge in the covert of thy wings.  
5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows:  
Thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name.  
6 Thou wilt prolong the king's life:  
His years shall be as many generations.  
7 He shall abide before God for ever:  
Oh prepare lovingkindness and truth, that they may preserve him.  
8 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever.  
That I may daily perform my vows.  
God alone a Refuge from Treachery and Oppression.  
For the Chief Musicians; after the manner of Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

62 My soul waiteth in silence for God only:  
From him cometh my salvation.  
2 He only is my rock and my salvation:  
He is my high tower; I shall not be greatly moved.  
3 How long will ye set upon a man:  
That ye may slay him, all of you.  
Like a leaping wall, like a tottering fence:  
4 They only consent to thrust him down from his dignity:  
They delight in lies:  
They bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly.  
5 My soul, wait thou in silence for God only:  
For my expectation is from him.  
6 He only is my rock and my salvation:  
3 Or, a rock that is too high for me. 4 Heb. but. 5 Or, given a heritage unto thee etc. 6 Heb. to slay unto God. 7 Or, as others who read, Ye shall be slain etc. 8 Heb. be thou silent unto God.

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

**SUNDAYS:** SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES  
9:00 am Downstairs at Trinity  
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:15 am Downstairs at Trinity

# February

**Adult Sunday  
School Classes**  
Sundays at 9:00 am  
Downstairs Trinity

**Worship  
Service**  
10:00 am  
Trinity

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

**Virtual Worship  
Facebook Live**  
10:00 am

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<b>28</b> 9:00 am -Adult Sunday School Classes (Downstairs) 10:00am - Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:15 am -Childrens School Classes (Downstairs) 11:15 am -Fellowship Hour (Fellowship Hall)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10:30am - Ladies Bible Study (Mary Meadows)	<b>31</b>  6:30 pm - Men's Fellowship Dinner (Fellowship Hall)	<b>1</b>  6:00 pm - Praise Band Rehearsal (Tr) 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 	<b>2</b>  Groundhog Day	<b>3</b>
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