



THE BRIDGE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CHESAPEAKE CITY UNITED METHODIST CHARGE

MARCH 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 the end of this years 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 starts on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14) and runs through Easter (Mar. 31), and focuses on repentance and renewal. This season before Easter mirrors the 40 days that Jesus spends in the wilderness in Matthew Chapter 4, in which he spends time in a meditative, reflective, and penitent attitude as God prepared his own life for the ministry he was about to begin. In the same way, God calls us to use Lent to prepare our hearts and lives for the celebration of Easter and the new life and ministry God has in store for each of us. In order to grow with God in this way, many Christian traditions center Lent on a pattern of *fasting* from worldly things and *feasting* on spiritual things. It is common to give up a practice or luxury for the season and at the same time take on extra devotions or acts of service.

Above all, our feasting and fasting ought to point our lives and communities to Easter and to God's great love for us all. Fasting is far from an act of self-abasement, but instead guides us to deeper reflection on the state of our lives and souls. In the same way, our feasting on the spiritual things God gives isn't just for ourselves, but for the sake of spreading God's love and grace to all the world. 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.

Regardless of the specifics of your Lenten fasting and feasting, we as individuals, communities, and a nation are called to center ourselves on repenting of all sin and finding renewal in God's love. I pray our last few wintery days call us deeper into repentance, and our first few spring days call us to renewed life in God's great love.

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

APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH

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.



thank you

We wanted to take a moment to thank all who have served on various committees. The health and success of our church is heavily impacted by these individuals and we appreciate each and everyone of you! A special thank you to Tucker Matthews who served for many years as our Trustees Chair. Tucker has recently stepped down from this position and we can't thank him enough for his many years of service!

4 Ways to Observe Lent

Lent is a season of focus and preparation. It aligns our hearts with God's heart as we approach Easter. The following are just a few ways to focus and prepare.



Give It Up

Consider giving up something that distracts from your important relationships: like too much time on Twitter or Clash of Clans. Maybe cut out screen usage for several hours a day. Take a day of true rest: let go of toil for 24 hours.



Plug In

Consider adding in something that helps you connect to God. Read a book of the Bible, a devotional, or practice Lectio Divina on a daily basis.



Serve

Start a new routine of service. Volunteer regularly as an academic mentor, step up to volunteer in a local church, or visit a nursing home.



Share It

Make it a communal event. Share your Lent practices with others via a small group and/or attending worship.

MARCH MISSION:

TRINITY UMC PRESCHOOL



We Love Trinity Preschool

Trinity UMC Preschool continues to provide a nurturing educational environment for children ages 3-5. We have begun to implement a new curriculum titled, "Children Discover their World", which introduces standards-based, project driven learning to our preschoolers. Some additional enrichment lessons are Spanish and of course, Chapel. This year we have 30 children enrolled throughout the half day and full day sessions. You can check out the link to our Amazon wish list below to donate items needed to help keep the children engaged and active in the classroom.

As our program grows, we need additional lead teachers. Contact us for more information on how you can be part of setting the foundation for our future. Scholarship opportunities are available for those without experience, but interested in earning credentials in the early childhood field.

Thanks you for your prayers and continuous support of the preschool program. It is truly a blessing to continue to serve this community.

Deidra Johnson, Director

Email: preschool@trinityumcpreschool.org

Web: <http://chesapeakecityumc.com/preschool>

Amazon wish list:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/ZQ12RLW2RQS4?ref=wl_share

MARCH WORSHIP

3rd - 3rd Sunday in Lent
10th - 4th Sunday in Lent
17th - 5th Sunday in Lent
24th - Passion/ Palm Sunday
31st - Easter Day

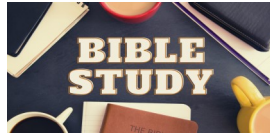
***Chesapeake City Ecumenical Association
2024 Lenten Service Schedule
Updated 1/24/2024***

Time 7:00 pm	Hosting Church	Pastor
Ash Wednesday February 14 Soup and Bread 6:00pm (ONLINE & In-Person)	Ebenezer AME Church Woodstock Farm Lane Chesapeake City https://www.facebook.com/68woodstock	Rev. Melissa Higgs
Wednesday February 21 (ONLINE & In-Person)	Bethel AME Church 201 Second Street Corner Pine & Second Street South Chesapeake City https://www.facebook.com/bethelchesapeakecity	Rev. Nicole Pyles
Wednesday February 28	St. Basil Ukrainian Catholic Church 231 Basil Avenue South Chesapeake City	Rev. Volodymyr Klanichka
Wednesday March 6 Soup and Bread 6:00pm	1st Presbyterian Church 351 Biddle Street North Chesapeake City	Rev. Laurie Loveless
Wednesday March 13 Soup and Bread 6:00pm	United Methodist Charge (Trinity) 450 3rd Street South Chesapeake City	Rev. Sam Mitchell
Wednesday March 20 Soup and Bread 6:00pm	St. Rose of Lima 301 Lock Street North Chesapeake City	Mr. James Bellin
Good Friday March 29 12 pm	St. Augustine Mitton Rd & Rt. 310 Chesapeake City	Rev. Darcy Williams
Easter Sunday March 31 6:48 am	Pell Gardens South Chesapeake City Sunrise Service - Outdoor in-person	Rev. Sam Mitchell Chesapeake City United Methodist Charge
National Day of Prayer Thursday May 2		

Note: Check www.ccea4u.com or www.ccea4u@org for updates.
Please bring food for the CCEA food pantry.
Arriving a few minutes early for sunrise service is advisable.

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



ORDER YOUR 2024 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: MARCH 24, 2024

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**

**EASTER EGGS**

WE ARE PREPARING FOR OUR ANNUAL CCUMC EASTER
EGG HUNT AND WE NEED YOUR HELP! THERE ARE EMPTY
PLASTIC EGGS IN A BIN LOCATED IN THE SANCTUARY.
PLEASE TAKE A BAG HOME TO FILL AND RETURN BY SUNDAY
MARCH 17TH

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**THE HUNT WILL BE AT 11:15 AM ON
PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH**

THE UPPER ROOM

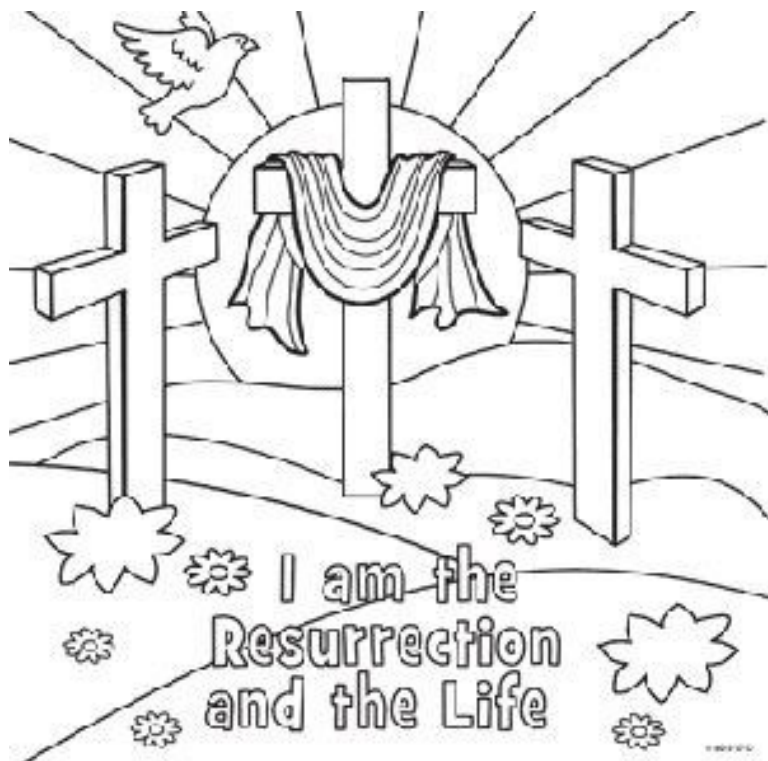
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

**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
either by email to: office@chesapeakecityumc.com
or call (410) 885-5641.

**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.



Chesapeake City
EASTER
EGG HUNT

Sponsored by: Town of Chesapeake City Parks and Recreation Committee

Saturday, March 23, 2024
10 am
(Rain date: Saturday, March 30, 2024)

HELEN TITTER PARK

Meet the Easter Bunny \ Easter Bunny Pictures \ Games

3 Age Groups
Ages 1-4, 5-6, and 7 & up. Hunt starts promptly at 10:15

HAPPY EASTER!!



**PUB
CRAWL**

St. Patrick's Day Parade & Pub Crawl

Sat March 16th 11:00am - 4:00pm

Pell Gardens, 98 Bohemia Avenue, Chesapeake City, MD 21915

The St. Patrick's Day tradition continues with a parade down Bohemia Ave at 11am followed by a Pub Crawl at the local restaurants and vendors in Pell Gardens!



Saturday, March 16th 4:00pm

West Nottingham Presbyterian Church
1195 Firetower Rd, Colora, MD

Sunday, March 17th 4:00pm

Immaculate Conception Church
454 Bow Street Ext., Elkton, MD



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.



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

If you have any questions,
please contact Marian Harvey at
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



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:
Wednesday, March 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

**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**

MARCH 2024 SERVANT SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship Service	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Worship Leader	Don Hartwig	Marian Harvey	Barbara Lort	Beth Ohline	Todd Harvey
Acolyte	Servant Needed				
Greeters	Erik & Beth Ohline				
Fellowship	Jim & Kathy Moran	Caring Committee	Mikki Senn Jeanne Tracey	Edna Wyatt Barbara Lort Joyce Stansfield	Caring Committee

MARCH SUNDAYS AT TRINITY

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

10:15 AM

11:15 AM



PSALMS 60.2-62.6

2 Thou hast made the land to tremble; thou hast rent it: Heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.

3 Thou hast showed thy people hard things: Thou hast made us to drink the wine of staggering.

4 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee. That it may be displayed because of the truth. (Sé lah)

5 That thy beloved may be delivered. Save with thy right hand, and answer us.

6 God hath spoken in his holiness: I will exult. I will divide Shé'chem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

7 Oil & oil is mine, and Má-ná's-ah is mine; I'phra-im also is the defence of my head: Té'lah is my sceptre.

8 Má'ah is my washpot: Upon E'dóm will I cast my shoe: Philis-tin, shout thou because of me.

9 Who will bring me into the strong city? Who hath led me unto E'dóm? Hast not thou, O God, cast us off? And thou sleepest not forth, O God, with our hosts.

11 Give us help against the adversary: For vain is the 'help of man.

12 Through God we shall do valiantly: For he it is that will tread down our adversaries.

Confidence in God's Protection.

For the Chief Musicians; on a stringed instrument. A Psalm of David.

61 Hear my cry, O God: Attend unto my prayer.

2 From the end of the earth will I call unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed:

3 Another reading is, me. 3 Or, laughter. 4 Or, 'tis not thou, O God, who hast cast us off and cast us off? 4 Heb, deliver us, Jehovah.

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



**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**

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3 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)	4 10:30 am - Bible Study w/ Barbara Dean (Dean Home)	5 10:30am - Ladies Bible Study (Mary Meadows)	6 7:00pm Lent Service (1st Presbyterian Church) *Soup & Bread at 6:00pm	7 6:00 pm - Praise Band Rehearsal (Tr) 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 	8	9
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31 Easter 6:45 am -Sunrise Service (Pell Gardens) 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)						