



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 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.

We spend the month of April this year basking in the glow of Easter Sunday, which just passed on March 31. Because of how early Easter is this year, we get to spend the entirety of the month in what is called 'Eastertide', or the season after Easter. During these weeks we remember and celebrate not just Easter itself, but Jesus' great works after the resurrection, preparing for the birth of the church. Just as with every year, we are called and blessed to live into this message in a more full way, to embody again the new life that Christ offers to us and the world.

As we pass Easter again this year I have been focusing my devotions on one of the most enduring parts of this story, that of the empty tomb. When it comes to Christian symbols the cross certainly takes the cake as the most iconic and well-known signifier of the faith, but in truth, the most important part of the story of Jesus isn't the cross but the empty tomb. The words of the angels from Luke 24 ring out to us today, "Why do you seek the living among the Dead? He is not here, for he has risen!"

The fullness of Christ's message is not just a sacrificial death on the cross, but the rising to New Life after, with the defeat of sin and death made real in Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. So as we continue life after Easter, I pray we all consider not just the cross but the empty grave. Let live into the story of Jesus anew this year, his life death and resurrection, made real in the way we live in the world today. Let our lives repeat the angels chorus, for he is risen, he is risen indeed!

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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

MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 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

One way to express your Easter devotion is by joining the church as a full-member. While everyone can and is encouraged to participate and have a voice in the life of our church community regardless of membership status, it is still an important expression of faith. Full-Professing Membership status simply allows one to serve on the leadership teams of the church, and have a vote on certain internal matters to the church itself. That being said, if you are not yet a full-professing member of our church, consider taking this next step in your faith journey. We will be offering a group membership class starting later in the spring, but also offer one-on-one classes year-round. Please contact myself or the church office if you are interested.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Sam



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

**ADULTS OR CHILDREN TO SERVE AS
ACOLYTES AT 10 AM WORSHIP SERVICES.
SIGN-UP SHEET IS IN THE BELL TOWER
FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT LISA MALIN
OR
EMAIL: LMALIN68@GMAIL.COM**

**APRIL
WORSHIP**

7th - 2nd Sunday of Easter
14th - 3rd Sunday of Easter
21st - 4th Sunday of Easter
28th - 5th Sunday of Easter

APRIL MISSION:



CAMP PECOMETH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Camp Pecometh will once again be welcoming young people back this year! What a timely and wonderful way to help our young people gain some much missed fun and interaction with others! Check out Camp Pecometh online at Pecometh.org for specific camp offerings and details. As you look through all those great Christian camping opportunities for your child please keep in mind that CCUMC continues to support campers with scholarships. Scholarships are available up to 50% of the base camp with the maximum amount being \$175. We simply ask that to be eligible for a scholarship, the family & youth be active in our church. The scholarship form is self-explanatory and you should feel free to contact Todd Harvey at 443-553-7040 if you have questions about obtaining a scholarship or the amounts available. Copies of a Camp Pecometh Scholarship application form can also be found on our website or by inquiring at the church office.

**Donations for Camp Pecometh
scholarships are welcome**

With Camp Pecometh opening back up for live camping experiences, we will once again be offering scholarships for young people and families seeking some financial support for this great Christian camping opportunity. In the past we have utilized resources from our annual Christmas Bazaar to help fund scholarships but with the cancelation of that event this past year, we are actively seeking donations to our fund. If you wish to donate, simply drop off a donation at church, mail your donation (CCUMC, PO Box 196, Chesapeake City, MD 21915), or utilize the PayPal link our website. However you donate, please make a note that the funds are specifically for the Camper Scholarship Fund.

Blessings and Thank you!
Todd Harvey



Pecometh Day is the perfect chance to see Pecometh for the first time and hear about Summer Camp programs - or come back to camp to revisit familiar sights. Take a turn on our zipline! Enjoy some fun face-painting! Make some tasty s'mores over the campfire! Experience a day of camp fun!

**Enter to win a campership (Submit entry online or in-person)*

Trinity UMC Preschool News



This month marks the beginning of our registration season for the 2024-2025 school year. If you have or know of someone that has a 3 or 4 year old that could benefit from a quality, faith-based preschool program, contact us now for more information and to schedule a tour. There are also a few spaces left in our summer session during the months of June and July.

We are excited to be applying for the Maryland Pre-K expansion grant, which would enable us to enroll more families to our program. More children means more staff. So if you or someone you know has an early childhood background or would like on the job training, contact us for more information about how you can be a part of setting the foundation for our future.

Blessings always!

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CCUMC Finance Corner

April 2024

In discussions of the budget for our Church, you have no doubt heard the term “Apportionments”. But many of us don’t really know what that means, why we pay it, how it’s calculated, etc. As we have endured challenges in our finances for several years, the issue of apportionments is important as it represents approximately 11% of our operating budget.

Apportionments are the “fees” that we pay to our Conference in support of their operating costs and ministries. The accumulation of these fees allows the Conference to accomplish beneficial ministries that would not be possible or meaningful if undertaken by the individual church congregation. Apportionments are calculated by dividing the budget of the Conference among the churches in the Conference. Each church’s portion is calculated by the same formula, taking into account the total income of the church, modified by factors such as capital expenses and the cost of the church’s own missions.

In the past few years, CCUMC has requested reductions in our apportionments due to our own financial challenges. Such reductions have been granted, although the amount of the reduction has generally been diminishing in the recent past. For 2024 we did request a reduction, but it was not granted. This is partly due to the financial strains on the church hierarchy due to the significant disaffiliation of churches arising from disputes in the social inclusiveness of the UMC moving forward. There have been over 80 churches leave the denomination just in our Conference. Of course, there must be adjustments in the Conference budget as many disaffiliating churches were indebted to the Conference.

The payment of apportionments to the UMC is part of what makes us United Methodists through giving and caring. For this year, apportionments represent the aforementioned 11% of our operating budget, or approximately \$22,000.



**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, April 24 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

APRIL 2024 SERVANT SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship Service	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Worship Leader	Mikki Senn	Ron Lort	Tom Duffy	Gwenn Barteld
Acolyte	Payden Lane			
Greeters	Todd & Marian Harvey			
Fellowship	Jim & Kathy Moran	Caring Committee	Mikki Senn Jeanne Tracey	Edna Wyatt Barbara Lort Joyce Stansfield

APRIL 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 l'ah)

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 Gó'lad is mine, and Má-nás'ah is mine; E'phra'im also is the defence of my head: Lé'ah is my sceptre.

8 Má'ab 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 goest 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.

Confession in God's Presence. 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:

1. Another reading is, and. 2 Or, I sought thee, O God. 3 Or, Who will lead me down. 4 Heb, Who will save me. 5 Heb, Who will save me. 6 Heb, Who will save me. 7 Heb, Who will save me. 8 Heb, Who will save me. 9 Heb, Who will save me. 10 Heb, Who will save me. 11 Heb, Who will save me. 12 Heb, Who will save me.

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

	1	2 10:30am - Ladies Bible Study (Mary Meadows)	3	4 6:00 pm - Praise Band Rehearsal (Tr) 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 	5	6
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