



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 enjoying the summer season and keeping cool in these hot times. As the warmer weather keeps coming, I hope we can continue to experience the fun and beauty that comes with this season.

It is a joy each and every year to see the fields and town itself flourish through summertime sunshine and rain showers. Witnessing the great growth that the world and town experience during this season is a constant reminder of God's provision even in the midst of the interesting times that we live in. As both locals and tourists alike attempt to enjoy the grand beauty on display in and around Chesapeake City my mind is drawn to the words of Jesus from Matthew 6: 26-27 "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"

While many people spend the summer months relaxing with vacations and family get-togethers, we are reminded of the fact that life itself does not stop. The struggles and hardships, the confusions and challenges, the fears and worries often remain. Perhaps summer even adds to these, with the very vacations and get-togethers we hoped to be highlights turn into worries in of themselves. How often do we forget these words of Jesus who counsels us against such worries in all seasons of life?

Far more than just a metaphor, Jesus draws on the image of the birds of the air to remind us of God's presence and provision in our own lives. When united to His way and purpose things might not be easy but they will be possible. God seeks for us to engage in the world in such a way that all needs are meant and all that ought to be done is done. For both our lives as individuals, families, and communities of faith we are not called to worry but instead to trust and live in the presence of God who seeks to provide for all His children and all of creation.

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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



AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

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

In days and seasons of struggle it's so easy to forget God's presence with us and provision for us. Over the course of summer so far one habit that I've picked up, ironically enough, is bird watching. Every day I let the beauty of God's creation, the birds of the air and trees they nest in, be a reminder of his promises and purpose for our lives. I encourage us all to spend these summer months enjoying the fun of the season with friends and family, but more importantly to turn away from the temptation to worry and trust in the God whose presence and provision we are all called to be apart of.



Grace and Peace,
Pastor Sam

Chesapeake City Independence Day Fireworks

Friday July 5th 5:00pm - 10:00pm

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

Our annual celebration starts at 5:00 pm in Pell Gardens with live music and vendors. Fireworks will be shot off when it is dark!



**JULY
WORSHIP**

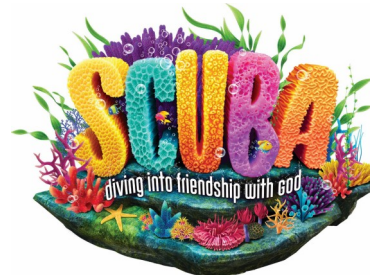
7th - 7th Sunday after Pentecost
14th - 8th Sunday after Pentecost
21st - 9th Sunday after Pentecost
28th - 10th Sunday after Pentecost

**JULY & AUGUST
MISSION:****BACK-TO-SCHOOL
SUPPLIES**

Where did June go? It's time to start thinking about school supplies! Towards the end of July through mid-August, we will collect backpacks and school supplies for the families that are a part of Deep Roots. Deep Roots works with families experiencing housing transitions in our area. Look for the supply list in the bulletin starting July 21th. We will present the backpacks during the services on August 25. Deep Roots families have always appreciated the generosity of our congregation, let's help their students start the school year prepared!

School Supply List 2024

- Backpacks (without wheels)
- Pencils
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Crayola Crayons
- Scissors
- Markers
- Lined notebook paper
- Pocket folders
- Composition books
- Glue Sticks
- Rulers
- Index Cards
- Post-It Notes
- Earbuds/Headphones
- Pencil Boxes
- Spiral Notebooks
- Highlighters

CCEA VBS – Date: Jul 21-25

Time: 5-8 PM

Location: St. Rose of Lima Church Hall

Registration Required:

https://ccea4u.formstack.com/forms/vbs_registration



CCUMC Finance Corner

When the congregation does not hear regularly from the Finance Committee, it is generally assumed that things must be okay in terms of church finances. That assumption is confirmed as we review the CCUMC budget at the half-way point of 2024. The bills are being paid in a timely manner, there have been few surprises in the first half of the year, and our forecast of income has been met.

When the budget for this year was first drafted in October last year, we were faced with the prospect of substantially increased apportionments as the UMC deals with fallout from the divisiveness about the future directions of the UMC. Also, churches in general were challenged with significant increases in insurance coverage costs, together with the impact of recent inflation on all operating costs. The CCUMC budget was drafted with those thoughts in mind, with confidence that the congregation would support the budget with their stewardship. At the mid-point of the year that confidence is supported, and in fact giving is slightly ahead of plan.

Further, the Board of Trustees has taken a proactive approach to maintenance and is taking smaller steps on a regular basis to avoid major capital expenses. The funds arising from the sale of the Town Point property support the Trustee's efforts, as was the original intent.

By not having to deal with financial crises, we have more time and energy to devote to the missions of the CCUMC. Thank you for your support!

2024 ACOLYTE SIGN-UP SHEET NOW AVAILABLE IN THE BELL TOWER



INTERESTED IN SERVING
AS AN ACOLYTE?

ADULTS & CHILDREN WELCOME!

SEE LISA MALIN WITH QUESTIONS
AND/OR TRAINING OR EMAIL

LMALIN68@GMAIL.COM



Porch Lights:

Summer 2024

Middle and High School Students

Sunday July 14th Sunday August 18th

5pm – 7pm at the Harvey's Home

961 Town Point Road

FOOD, FAITH AND FUN...until the Porch Lights come on!

STAY



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**

ON BREAK UNTIL FALL
For more information, contact
Lisa Malin at: lmalin68@gmail.com



BIBLE STUDY
with Barbara Dean
Led by Paula Lutz

ON BREAK UNTIL FALL
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, August 28 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.

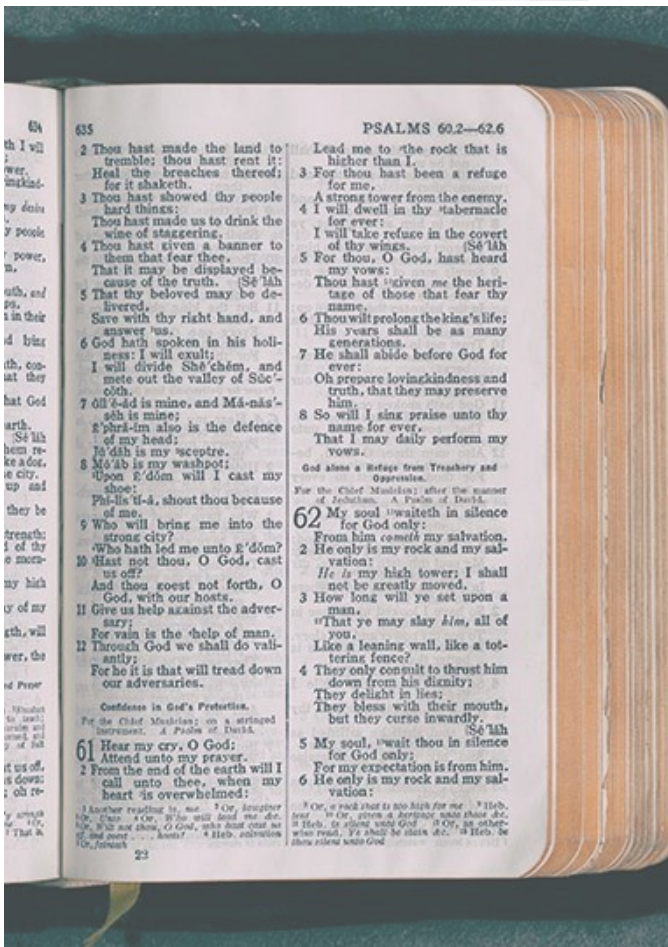
**Pastor's Bible
Study**

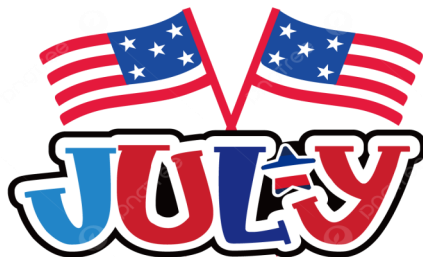
ON BREAK
Wednesday Evenings - 6:00 pm
Trinity - Fellowship Hall
For more information, contact Pastor Sam

10:00 a.m. Worship Service	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Worship Leader	Beth Ohline	Todd Harvey	Mikki Senn	Ron Lort
Acolyte	Servant Needed			
Greeters	Lisa Malin Kay Redding			
Fellowship	Jim & Kathy Moran	Caring Committee	Mikki Senn Jeanne Tracey	Edna Wyatt Barbara Lort Joyce Stansfield



10:15 am Downstairs at Trinity
(ON BREAK UNTIL FALL)





**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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