

**April Good News 2024**

**Our ministry vision for the Virginia Annual Conference is *“to be disciples of Jesus Christ who are lifelong learners, who influence others to serve.”***

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**From Pastor Adam**

***“April is Open for Miracles!”***

I have always had an interest in etymology which is the study of where and how the words we use get their start. The name “April” for the fourth month of the year has its beginnings in the Latin name *April is* which related to the Latin verb *aperire* meaning “to open.” The ancient Romans saw the buds of leaves and flowers opening in spring and named that month accordingly. This also makes sense from the perspective of the church calendar. As we celebrate Jesus’ glorious resurrection on Easter morning, we remember how the tomb was found empty and the stone rolled away. In other words, we celebrate that the tomb was opened and Christ was free from death’s grip, and that victory over death extends to us as well. In most years, Easter falls in or near April, and even when it doesn’t, the season following the resurrection (Eastertide) occupies much of April. Perhaps we can see “April” in the light of its root (“to open”) – for not only does the “open tomb” open up everlasting life to us, but I submit that Easter (and April) open our eyes to a sense of the wonder, possibility, and miraculous expectation. I was reading some old Easter

sermon of mine, and as I did, I rediscovered the following comment...

*The late Desmond Tutu, Archbishop of South Africa once said that the resurrection is so much more than just the revival of a corpse from the state of death. The resurrection is a new way of living that anticipates miraculous possibilities for our world. Resurrection is a new way of being in the world. When we stand outside the empty tomb proclaiming that something as absolute as the law of death has been overturned (and that our once-dead savior lives again) suddenly an end to global poverty doesn’t seem so impossible. When we stand outside the empty tomb, suddenly an end to war and violence, an enduring peace, doesn’t seem like such a long shot. When we stand outside the empty tomb, the promise of enough food for everyone, an end to human trafficking, and an end to hatred and prejudice all seem achievable. When we stand outside the empty tomb, the fire-breathing dragons of our lives lose their fearsome heat, and the things that hold us*

*back fade in the light of God’s triumph. The resurrection unleashes the miraculous into the world and invites us to live with a life-giving expectation for each day to come.*

I pray this April lives up to its name. May we be open to the world around us; may we be open to the splendor of each day; may we be open to the wonder in the stars, sunsets, and children’s laughter; may we be open to real world ways in which we can help and serve others; may we be open to recognize the rich gifts God has already given us; may we be open to see the everyday miracles occurring right under our noses. Let our hearts, doors, and minds be opened!

God bless you my friends! Adam

Circle News****

The Wesleyan Group …will meet on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Mary Walker. ~*Ann Robbins*

The Merry Marthas Circle will meet on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. We will gather products to deliver to Miriam’s

House. ~*Judy Robertson*



**The choir** will be singing on Sundays, April 14th and 28th, and will be rehearsing

at 10 AM. We will sing familiar hymns so please come join us!

*~Heather Wilson*, Director of Music

*Mission Moment*

A great big THANK YOU to all who supported the Meals on Wheels fund raiser, Super Bowl of Caring, in February. Our church raised $755 for Meals on Wheels which was fantastic. For March the food cart contained 33lbs. of food, 12.5lbs. of hygiene products, and 41lbs. of hand sanitizer. Thank you so much for your faithful support of the Park View Mission food for families. Our donations have helped them to provide emergency bags for neighbors who are homeless. The need for emergency bags continues to be high so they have requested that we continue to collect items for these bags. For April we will collect pop-top cans of food items and also body wash and shampoo. The Mission Committee thanks the congregation for their continued support for this outreach mission. Thank yo

~*Linda Jessen & Mission Committee*

**Food Cart: April**

Pop-top cans of meats, soups, pasta dishes, vegetables, shampoo, and body wash.

*No* ***“baked goods”*** *!* *Place donations in the grocery cart, located in the Commons*.



***In Sympathy***

Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church extends Christian love and sympathy to the family of *Wallace E. Nuckols* and especially to his wife, Scottie, and children, Heather and Brandon. Mr. Nuckols passed away on March 3, 2024.



Thank you for your support during the passing of my husband. We appreciate all the cards, prayers and visits at the funeral home.

*~Scottie Nuckols and family*



*Gifts & Memorials*

In Memory Of:

*Julius L. “Bear” Tolley, Sr.*

Given by: Ann Wilson

*Wallace Nuckols*

Given by: Bobby & Cathy Young, (Also in honor of Scottie Nuckols)~Jim & Sandi Kiger,

Frances Unruh, Frank Stewart, Wilton & Kitty Burgess

**April 2024**

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| ***Sunday*** | ***Monday*** | ***Tuesday*** | ***Wednesday*** | ***Thursday*** | ***Friday*** | ***Saturday*** |
|  | **1 *Easter Monday***  ***Church Office Closed*** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** |
| **7 *Second Sunday of Easter***  9:30am Sunday School  10:30am Worship | **8**  5:00pm Camp Meadowlark Craft  7:00pm Wesleyan Group @ Walker Home | **9** | **10** | **11** | **12 *Church Office Closed***  10:00am Homeschool | **13** |
| **14 *Third Sunday of Easter***  9:30am Sunday School  10:00am Choir  10:30am Worship | **15** | **16** | **17** | **18**  6:00pm Homeschool Annual Member mtg | **19**  10:00am Homeschool | **20** |
| **21 *Fourth Sunday of Easter***  9:30am Sunday School  10:30am Worship  5:00 pm Peaks View Charge Prayer Gathering | **22** | **23** | **24** | **25**  10:30am Merry Martha's | **26**  10:00am Homeschool | **27** |
| **28 *Fifth Sunday of Easter***  9:30am Sunday School  10:00am Choir  10:30am Worship | **29** | **30** |  | | | |

**Souper Bowl**

We collected $755.00 for Meals on Wheels. Thank you for supporting this ministry.



1 Pat Short

2 Nancy Lee

Emily V.

Fernandez

3 Michael McGlothlin

6 Kirsten Bell

Tim Crist

Dennis Tolley

7 Kenny Busic

Cheryl Powell

9 Owen Stinnette

Jeremey

VandeBogart

11 Landen Glass

12 Camden Mason

14 Wade Ware

16 Burton Brooks

Terry Palazzi

Anne-Elaine Tiller

17 Suzanne

Marshall

Blake Phillips

18 Sharon

Rickmon

19 Connie Yost

20 Erin Ecklund

21 Steven Kinzer

22 C.O. Bell

25 Frankie

Hardwick

28 Jacqueline Busic

Cheryl Thomas

29 Wes Robbins

Ricky Smith

31 Robert Baunach

**2022**

**March 2022**

**Those Who Serve ~ April**

**GREETERS:**

April 7 *~ Maggie Musgrove*

April 14 *~ Jane White*

April 21 *~ Mary Walker*

April 28 *~ Dan Robertson*

**Our Church Financial Picture**

Through the end of February 2024

General Operating Funds:

Needed to meet our 2024 Budget $ 197,677

Needed to meet our budget to date $ 32,946

Actual receipts to date $ 37,904

Overage to meet budget to date $ 4,958

Actual expenditures to date $ 25,175

Shortage to meet expenses to date $- 12,729

Joy In Missions Funds

Our Giving Goal for 2024 $ 8,600

Needed to meet our goal to date $ 1,433

Actual receipts to date $ 1,590

Special Offerings\* (not budgeted):

Received to date $ 1,235

Dispersed to date $ 755

\*Christmas, Easter, Annual Conference,

World Communion, etc.

**2024 Joy In Mission Donations**

To date, the following amounts have

been paid to the missions indicated.

Budget Spent

1. Missionary Covenant Relationship

$1,000 $ 0

2. Park View Mission, Food for Families

$3,000 $ 0

3. Society of St. Andrew $1,000 $ 0

4. Blue Ridge Area Food Bank $1,000 $ 0

5. Daily Bread $ 500 $ 0

6. Good Neighbor $ 500 $ 0

7. Habitat for Humanity $ 500 $ 0

8.. UMCOR-Non-Administrative $ 500 $ 0

9. Undesignated $ 600 $ 0

10. Meals on Wheels (Souper Bowl) $ 0

Thank you for your generosity.

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friends of Chestnut Hill United

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the church office by the 15th of the

month. (Subject to change).

**April Birthdays**

1 Marable Southall-Vess

3 Tammy Cole

Nicholas Redford

Finn Tiller

6 Tamlyn Beiler

9 Michael Southall-Vess

10  Jeanmarie Martinko White

16 A. Ellen White

17 Dianne Johnson

22 Laura White

24 Kelly Kinzer

27 Kim Stewart

Elizabeth Willis

28 Linda Collins

29  Carolyn Phelps





January 2022

**2022**





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**March 2022**

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Church Office Hours

**Monday-Thursday~**9:00 am—3:30 pm

**Friday~**9:00 am-1:00 pm



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***CHESTNUT HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH***

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