

**January-February 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**

“Advice for the Season of New Beginnings”

*“And whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”* Matthew 10:42

“There is so much to do, so much to accomplish!” – this the often the mantra of the Christmas season. Christmas is frequently marked by preparation, planning, and final collapse in the couch at the end of it all. Sometimes we need a vacation from the vacation. But the intensity of our activity does not often slow with the arrival of January and February (think “tax season” and the gathering of all the necessary receipts and documents). Still, January and February do bring something new. They mark new beginnings. Many people welcome the “reset” that the new year brings with opportunities to let the past year go and to find new strength, perspective, and possibility in the new year. Many of us will try a new year’s resolution or two (read more books, watch less TV, or cut carbohydrates) wanting to “do better” in 2024. February will bring us the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday on February 14. With Ash Wednesday comes the special season of spiritual reflection in preparation and anticipation for the arrival of the great festival of Easter. The forty days of Lent help us get our minds around the glorious victory, salvation, and eternal life won for us through the empty tomb. God’s gifts to us in Easter are so grand that a season of preparation is so completely appropriate, that it boarders on feeling required. Lent brings its own variety of “resolutions” as we might renounce something (e.g. soda or chocolate) as an act of spiritual discipline. We might also add something to our lives in Lent (more time spent serving others, more time in prayer, Bible reading, or devotional exercises) as an act of spiritual preparation. Whether we are wanting to change something about ourselves or our daily rhythms for the new year or for Lent, I think there is something import to remember – to pace ourselves. Sometimes we can be so determined to change so many things all at once that it becomes difficult to accomplish any one of the things we hoped to change. My suggestion is that we choose one thing. Find one thing to focus on, one thing to give more effort to. The simplicity of Jesus’ words continue to move me. In the example from Matthew’s Gospel it is the simplest thing

(a cup of cold water) that proves life changing. Find that one thing. What will yours be?

 God bless you my friends! Adam

**Congratulations** to our pastor, *Rev. Adam J. White* on his marriage to *Jeanmarie Martinko* on Sunday, December 24th. Best wishes from Chestnut Hill UMC.

Circle News****

The Wesleyan Group …will resume in March. We will meet on Monday, March 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Linda Jessen.

The Merry Marthas Circle will meet Thursday, January 18 at 10:00 a.m. in the OMU room at church. We will have our "Pledge to Missions" for 2024, followed by lunch at Charley's.We will meet on Thursday, February 15, at 10:00 a.m., in the OMU room at church.  Program TBA. Probably lunch at Charley's as usual!

  ~*Judy Robertson*

*Mission Memo*

For our December Park View Mission cart it contained 68lbs of food items and 29lbs of hygiene items. Thank you to all who participated in this mission.

For January and February we will collect pop-top cans of meats, soups, pasta dishes, vegetables, and body wash. The food pantry director said 100 people are on the shelters wait list. At this time of year the mission always sees an increase in homeless people who need help.

~*Linda Jessen & Mission Committee*

**Food Cart: January-February**

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

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



**The choir** will be singing on Sundays, January 7 & 28 and February 4 & 25. Will be rehearsing at 10 AM. We will sing familiar hymns so please come join us!

*~Heather Wilson*, Director of Music

***Park View Closet ~ Winter Clothing***

Needed: Park View is now accepting winter clothing. Bring items to church and Linda Jessen will take to the mission. Bring items to church, **Monday—Thursday**, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

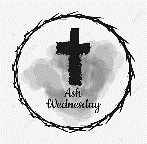
**Stewardship Luncheon**

On Sunday, February 11, 11:45 a.m., we will celebrate our Stewardship (pledges) to CHUMC for 2024 with a luncheon (theme Valentine’s) after church. This will be a covered dish meal. RSVP forms will be provided in the bulletins. If you have not yet made a pledge and would like to do so, it's never too late!

**\*\*NOTE:** This event is subject to change if bad weather occurs.

*We are un-decorating* our church on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. Let Judy

Robertson know if you can help.



**Join us on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, for our Ash Wednesday Service, at 5:00 p.m.**

***Mountain View Lay Servant Ministry Training***

**January 2024**   
**Attend in person or by Zoom**

Are you a leader in your local congregation? Equip yourself to lead by enrolling in a Lay Servant Ministry training course in January. We're offering three locations (Danville, Rocky Mount, Boonsboro) for in-person or virtual learning. Online attendees will need to have a computer with a working microphone and camera to fully participate. For more information or to register, email Chris Howell at [mountainviewlayservants@gmail.com](mailto:mountainviewlayservants@gmail.com) No registration fee, participants purchase textbook.

**Living Our United Methodist Beliefs**, Rev. Bart Fletcher    
Peakland UMC, 4434 Boonsboro Rd, Lynchburg 24503    
**Tuesday evenings 6:30-8:30pm, January 9-February 6**   
    
**Living Our United Methodist Beliefs,**Rev. Will Waller    
Rocky Mount UMC, 35 N. Main Street, 24151    
**Wednesday evenings 5-7pm, January 3-31\***   
(four 2 hour sessions plus a reflection paper)   
    
**The Call to Preach,**Rev. Tim Barth    
St. Luke's UMC, 3090 N. Main Street, 24540    
**Monday evenings 7-9 pm, January 8-29\***   
(four 2 hour sessions will require a reflection paper/preaching)

**A Special Thank You From HumanKind**

Dear Friends, thank you! Your generous donation of $1,000.00 to HumanKind’s “Ways to Work” program helps to provide a path to achieving financial stability, increased self-sufficiency, and better employment opportunities as those in our care receive ongoing case management for several years. I hope you enjoy knowing that you not only given assistance, but have also given hope and spread kindness. Donors like you made it possible for HumanKind to help nearly 18,000 clients in 2022. Thank you for helping people and families in need!

We are so thankful for your generosity!

*Stan Southworth*, President & CEO



**January 2024**

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| ***Sunday*** | ***Monday*** | ***Tuesday*** | ***Wednesday*** | ***Thursday*** | ***Friday*** | ***Saturday*** |
|  | **1**  Church Office Closed | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6**  9:30am Undecorating Church |
| **7**  9:30am Sunday School  10:00am Choir  10:30am Worship | **8** | **9**  7:00pm Homeschool Game Evening | **10** | **11** | **12**  10:00am Homeschool | **13** |
| **14**  9:30am Sunday School  10:30am Worship | **15**  Church Office Closed | **16** | **17** | **18**  10:00am Merry Martha's Circle | **19**  10:00am Homeschool | **20** |
| **21**  9:30am Sunday School  10:30am Worship | **22** | **23** | **24** | **25**  1:00 pm Peaks View Regional Clergy meeting | **26**  10:00am Homeschool | **27**  7:00pm Homeschool Teen Dance |
| **28**  9:30am Sunday School  10:00am Choir  10:30am Worship | **29** | **30** | **31** |  | | |

**January**

02 LeAnn Glass Brenda Torian

5  Gloria Coleman

06 Brenda Lyons

08 Hylton Glass

09 Helen Snow

16 Jeanette Levin

18 Tatum Burgess

20  Jeremy VandeBogart

25  Annette Stadtherr

28 Heather Wilson



**February 2024**

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| **4**  9:30am Sunday School  10:00am Choir  10:30am Worship | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** | **9**  10:00am Homeschool | **10** |
| **11**  9:30am Sunday School  10:30am Worship  11:45 am Stewardship Luncheon | **12** | **13**  7:00pm Homeschool Game Evening | **14** *Valentine’s Day*  5:00pm Ash Wednesday Service | **15**  10:00am Merry Martha's Circle | **16**  10:00am Homeschool | **17** |
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**February**

3 Rebecca Beiler

7 David Maxham

11 Debra

Higginbotham

Maris Tiller

13 Lanie Jay

Kirsten Tiller

15  Ted Stables

Steve Stadtherr

16 Bob Elium

23 Ty Burgess

25 Elaine Clarke

Jan Wiley

28 Charles Moore





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 ~ January**

**GREETERS:**

January 7 ~ *Maggie Musgrove*

January 14 ~ *Jane White*

January 21 ~ *Mary Walker*

January 28 ~ *Dan Robertson*

**Our Church Financial Picture**

Through the end of November 2023

General Operating Funds:

Needed to meet our 2023 Budget $ 196,989

Needed to meet our budget to date $ 180,573

Actual receipts to date $ 152,098

Shortage to meet budget to date $ 28,475

Actual expenditures to date $ 145,104

Shortage to meet expenses to date $- 6,994

Joy In Missions Funds

Our Giving Goal for 2023 $ 9,600

Needed to meet our goal to date $ 8,800

Actual receipts to date $ 10,170

Special Offerings\* (not budgeted):

Received to date $ 8,985

Dispersed to date $ 7,365

\*Christmas, Easter, Annual Conference,

World Communion, etc.

**2023 Joy In Mission Donations**

To date, the following amounts have

been paid to the missions indicated.

Budget Spent

1. Missionary Covenant Relationship

$1,000 $ 750

2. Park View Mission, Food for Families

$3,000 $2,640

3. Society of St. Andrew $1,000 $ 750

4. Adult Care Center $ 500 $ 0

5. Blue Ridge Area Food Bank $1,000 $ 750

6. Daily Bread $ 500 $ 375

7. Free Clinic $ 500 $ 0

8. Good Neighbor $ 500 $ 0

9. Habitat for Humanity $ 500 $ 375

10. UMCOR-Non-Administrative $ 500 $ 0

11. Undesignated $ 600 $ 60

12. UMCOR-Hawaii $ 1,000

13. Meals on Wheels (Souper Bowl) $ 1,015

Thank you for your generosity.

**Those Who Serve ~ February**

**GREETERS:**

February 4 ~ *Betty Taylor*

February 11 ~ *Judy Robertson*

February 18 ~ *Maggie Musgrove*

February 25 ~ *Jane White*

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published monthly for members and

friends of Chestnut Hill United

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the church office by the 15th of the

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January 2022

**2022**





**April 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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|  | Sue Haupert-Johnson | Richmond Area Resident Bishop |
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