

***July/August Good News 2023***

**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**

**“Making Time”**

“*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God*

*in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test*

*everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.”* (1 Thessalonians 5:16-22)

As I write this article, I am reminded that the Chestnut Hill summer newsletter spans two

months (July/August). In other words, one article lasts twice as long. This got me to thinking

about the magic of time. Sometimes time flies and sometimes it moves at a snail’s pace. Time is

mysterious in that way. We know that the practices of the Christian life deserve a hardy

investment of our time.

Have you ever set a time-specific goal for personal prayer and meditation? 15 minutes per

day? 30 minutes per day? An hour? Although it may be easier for some and more difficult for

others, I think that devoting significant daily time to spiritual disciplines requires some real effort

for anyone who wishes to undertake such a practice. There are a number of reasons for this – we

are subject to distraction (e.g. the phone ringing, the delivery driver at the door, the sink full of

dishes, or another pending task calling out to us) and sometimes we simply struggle with

sufficient energy or focus. The key, I think, is to avoid an “all or nothing” approach which

assumes that we must occupy large blocks of time with the practices of prayer and reflection. The

Sikhs of India have a practice of daily prayer set to a particular period of time called Muhurta.

The Muhurta is 1/30th of a day or 48 minutes. This daily practice enables worshipers to end up

praying for a full day each month in the natural course of daily living. The point is that small

efforts add up to big things. This is true of our spiritual discipline as well as our acts of service

and kindness. Jesus captures this notion in the parable of the mustard seed: “With what can we

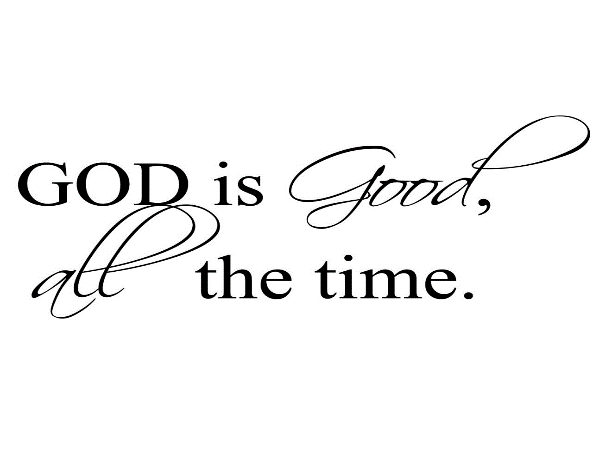
compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which,

when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows

up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the

air can make nests in its shade (Mark 4:30-32).” Start small, and great things will follow.

God bless you, my friends! Adam





**2023 Graduate**

***Jayleigh White*** graduated from Heritage High School. She is the daughter of Amanda Collier. Grandmother-Wendy Dalton, and Great Grandmother-Kathleen Baker. She is pursuing

Cosmetology.

Circle News****

The Wesleyan Group …

We will meet on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., at the home

of Mary Walker.

The Merry Marthas Circle will not have a regular meeting in July or August. We

will resume on Thursday, September 28th, with our Pledge to Missions meeting at 10:00 a.m. Any woman in the church not currently in a circle is welcome to join us. We nearly always go out to lunch!      ~*Judy Robertson*

*Mission Memo*

The Park View Mission basket in June contained 8lbs of hygiene products and 30lbs of food products. They were thankful for the donations. The Mission Committee is thankful to all who continue to support this church mission.

For July and August we will collect fruit and vegetable canned goods (any top option). Also dish liquid, shampoo, body wash, and deodorant. Check your Sunday bulletin for any additional items they may need.

~*Thank you, the Mission Committee*

**Food Cart...JULY/AUGUST**

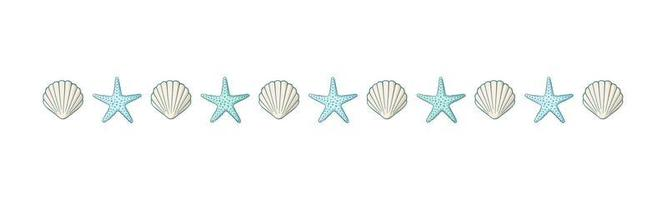
Canned vegetables & fruit; deodorant, body wash, liquid dish detergent, and shampoo.

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



**The choir** will be singing on Sundays, July 9, August 13 & 27 and will be rehearsing at 10 AM. We will sing familiar hymns so please come join us!

*~Heather Wilson*, Director of Music



***Park View Clothing ~ Housewares***

Needed: Anything in housewares you can donate: clean sheets, clean towels, dish rags, dishes, coffee mugs, glassware, and so forth. Bring items to church and Linda Jessen will take to the mission.



*Dear Chestnut Hill Congregation*, just want to thank you all for the telephone calls, beautiful, wonderful get well and birthday cards that I received during my recovery from major surgery. I am improving very slowly with my treatments and Rebecca and I hope to join you all again in the near future. Also we thank Pastor Adam for his wonderful visits and prayer time while in the hospital.

Yours in Christ, *Tucker & Rebecca Cole*

The next ***Virginia Annual Conference Lay Servant Academy***will occur virtually on August 18-19, 2023. Online course offerings will be:

· United Methodist Heritage (Bishop Sue Haupert-Johnson, instructor)

· Basic Course (Richard Speirs, instructor)

· Spiritual Gifts (Joseph Plemmons, instructor)

· Leading Well in Conflict Transformation (Sarah Calvert, instructor)

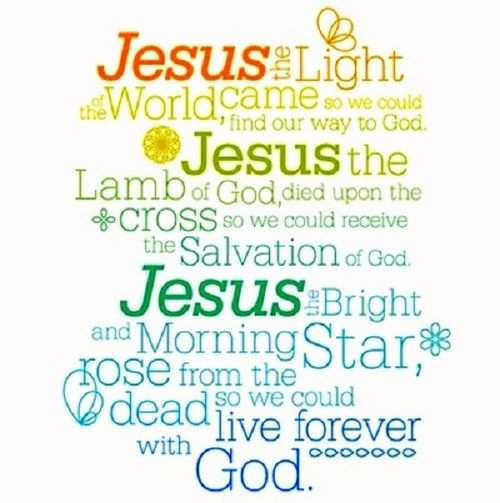
· Called to Preach! (Nathan Decker, instructor)

· Introduction to Simplified Accountable Structure (Instructor TBD)

Certified Lay Minister Orientation (Joanna Dietz and Jennifer Robinson-O'Brien, instructors).

Cost is $35 for all courses except CLM Orientation, which is $15. For more information, follow this link: [https://vaumc.org/layservantacademy/](https://dandist.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=10c84b36b5e5f8cf7c502d428&id=f6a38da6da&e=713b8604ee)

(Contact Tianna Durbin, Lay Servant Academy Director ([tiannad@arcolachurch.org](mailto:tiannad@arcolachurch.org)) if you have questions.)



**July Birthdays** **August Birthdays**

1 Betty Taylor

2 Greyson Glass

4 Colby Takacs

5  Braelyn

Underwood

6  Angela

Hendricks

11 Gene Pearson

Pat Wood

14 Roy Quick, Jr.

15 Carla Musgrove

16 Nancy

Heptinstall

17 Sara Klein

18 Elaine Maddy

20 Michael Jessen

22 Judy Robertson

23 Valerie Witt

24 Wayne Everidge

25 Laura White

26 John Hodges

31 Katie Bradley

Fred Norvelle

1  Al Wood

2  Linda Wright

4 Devin Beiler

Pam Croft

5 Wilton Burgess

6 Judy Martin

8 Connor Burgess

10  Rev. Rick Ecklund

Rachel Glass

11 K.J. Ruhland

13 Paisley Klein

20 Pete Witt

21 Linda Wingfield

25 Carrie Smith

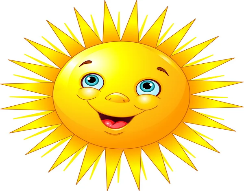
27 Melanie Jay

Fred Shafer

29 Megan Carr

30  Ann Robbins





**July 2023**

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| ***Sunday*** | ***Monday*** | ***Tuesday*** | ***Wednesday*** | ***Thursday*** | ***Friday*** | ***Saturday*** |
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| **2**  9:30am Sunday School  10:30am Worship | **3**  ***Church Office Closed*** | **4**  ***Church Office Closed***  Independence Day | **5**  8:30am Camp Meadowlark | **6**  8:30am Camp Meadowlark | **7**  8:30am Camp Meadowlark | **8** |
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| **16**  9:30am Sunday School  10:30am Worship | **17 *Office Closed***  8:30am Camp Meadowlark | **18**  8:30am Camp Meadowlark | **19**  8:30am Camp Meadowlark | **20**  8:30am Camp Meadowlark | **21**  8:30am Camp Meadowlark | **22** |
| **23**  9:30am Sunday School  10:30am Worship | **24**  8:30am Camp Meadowlark | **25**  8:30am Camp Meadowlark | **26**  8:30am Camp Meadowlark | **27**  8:30am Camp Meadowlark | **28**  8:30am Camp Meadowlark | **29** |
| **30**  9:30am Sunday School  10:30am Worship | **31** |  | | | | |

**August 2023**

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| ***Sunday*** | ***Monday*** | ***Tuesday*** | ***Wednesday*** | ***Thursday*** | ***Friday*** | ***Saturday*** |
|  | | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5**  9:30am Homeschool Open House/Clean Up |
| **6**  9:30am Sunday School  10:30am Worship | 7 ***Office Closed*** | 8  7:00 pm Homeschool Game Night | **9** | **10** | **11** | **12** |
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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**

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| **Those Who Serve~JULY**  **GREETERS:**  July 2 ~*Judy Robertson*  July 9 ~*Ann Robbins*  July 16 ~*Maggie Musgrove*  July 23 ~*Jane White*  July 30 ~*Mary Walker*  + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +  **Those Who Serve~AUGUST**  **GREETERS:**  August 6 ~*Dan Robertson*  August 13 ~ *Betty Taylor*  August 20 ~*Judy Robertson*  August 27 ~*Ann Robbins*    + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +  **GOOD NEWS** is published monthly for members and friends of Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church. Send articles to the church office by the 15th of the month. **(Subject to change.)**  + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + | **Our Church Financial Picture**  Through the end of May 2023  General Operating Funds:  Needed to meet our 2023 Budget $ 196,989.00  Needed to meet our budget to date $ 82,079.00  Actual receipts to date $ 61,048.00  Shortage to meet budget to date $ 21,031.00  Actual expenditures to date $ 66,475.00  Shortage to meet expenses to date $ - 5,427.00  Joy In Missions Funds:  Our Giving Goal for 2023 $ ..9,600.00  Needed to meet our goal to date $ 4,000.00  Actual receipts to date $ 5,530.00  Special Offerings\* (not budgeted):  Received to date $ 7,070.00  Dispersed to date $ 6,890.00  \*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 $ 250  2. Park View Mission, Food for  Families $3,000 $ 880  3. Society of St. Andrew $1,000 $ 250  4. Adult Care Center $ 500 $0  5. Blue Ridge Area Food Bank $ 1,000 $ 250  6. Daily Bread $ 500 $ 125  7. Free Clinic $ 500 $0  8. Good Neighbor $ 500 $0  9. Habitat for Humanity $ 500 $ 125  10. UMCOR-Non-Administrative $ 500 $0  11. Undesignated $ 600 $0  Thank You for Your Generosity |

**March 2022**



January 2022

**2022**



**April 2022**

**April 2022**

**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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