***March Good News 2022***



**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**

*Just Enough Time*

As Ash Wednesday approaches (March 2), the season of Epiphany gives way to the season of Lent. If the “vibe” of Epiphany is one of discovery and celebration affirming God’s presence with us in Christ, then the “vibe” of Lent is one of serious contemplation as we await the temporary absence of Christ in the tomb as his gives himself as a sacrifice for the whole world. During Lent the Church commits to greater introspection and self-examination as we prepare ourselves for the great triumph of Easter. It is simply true that the victory over death and the immortality won on Easter morning is so wonderful and sublime that a measure of preparation is required. In other words, in Lent we embrace the cross of self-denial, so that we might feel the completeness of our being raised with Christ through eternal life made real on Easter. Some Christians prepare by “taking away” something away they enjoy (chocolate, wine, bacon, whatever), while others will “add something” like increased prayer, reflection, Bible reading, service, and acts of mercy.

The practice of Lent goes back to the earliest days of the church when baptisms of new Christians occurred during the Easter season, as the new birth of Christ’s resurrection was linked with the new birth of Baptism. It was a time of severe persecution when the Church was maligned and mistreated by both the Roman authorities and the religious authorities in Jerusalem. As a result, candidates for baptism were invited to carefully consider their decision to join the Church. Self-denial and self-reflection were a part of that, because life as a Christian in those days would have required real self-sacrifice. Today, living in a society of relative tolerance, we have little opportunity to be truly persecuted for our faith. So when we intensify our spiritual pursuits in Lent (whether by adding something or subtracting something), we are doing it for ourselves and for the good of the Church, but we are also doing it to honor those early brothers and sister for whom the decision to follow Jesus was inherently challenging and potentially dangerous.

Not long ago, I was reading an article about New Year’s resolutions. The author argued that the biggest problem with fulfilling the new reading, sleeping, eating or exercise goals that we set on January 1 is that we have too much time to complete the mission. Healthy eating is easy for a week or a month, but a whole year has 52 weeks and twelve months – that’s plenty of opportunities to cheat or lose traction. The year-long trajectory is just too much for accomplishing many of the things we set out to change or create for ourselves. The daily consistency somehow gets lost in the 365 day time-frame. Lent on the other hand is only 40 days. It is 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday (minus Sundays which are themselves a “little Easter” since Christ was found raised to life on a Sunday). 30 days may be too short a time to meaningfully transform our lives, and a full year might be too long, but 40 days is just enough of a window to truly transform our lives in positive ways. I hope we can embrace the 40 days of Lent for the gift they bring – not too short, not too long, just enough to transform our lives for the better. Here’s wishing you a blessed and holy Lent! ~God’s Peace, Adam

Special Services

 Coming Up

***Ash Wednesday Service*** will be on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Mark your calendar.

***Maundy Thursday Service*** will be on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Holy Communion will be served.



Stewardship Luncheon

***Sunday, March 20, 2022***

The Stewardship Luncheon that was scheduled for Sunday, January 23rd, has been cancelled. Mark your calendar for **Sunday, March 20th**. We will have a **catered** lunch after church in the social hall to celebrate our pledges of giving for 2022.  All are welcome even if you do not make a pledge. We have funds that were given specifically for fellowship purposes that will be used for the catering. So just come and enjoy!

**Choir News**

We meet on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Come and lend your voice. All are invited!!

~**Heather Wilson, Director of Music**

**Circle News**

The **Merry Marthas Circle** will meet at church on Wednesday, March 9, at 10:30 a.m., for a short business meeting, then go to lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Charley's (707 Graves Mill Rd.) Please let Judy know whether you plan to attend.

~*Judy Robertson*

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The **Wesleyan Group** will meet on Monday, March 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., at Linda Jessen’s home (207 Dean St.).



**Daylight Saving Time** begins on Sunday, March 13, 2022. Set your clocks AHEAD (1) one hour on Saturday evening, March 12. 

*Mission Memo*

In December and January our combined total of food donated to Park View Mission was 115.97 lbs of food and 12.45 lbs. of hygiene products. These donations helped feed families at Christmas and helped provide emergency bags for homeless clients in January. As always Park View was grateful for our faithful contributions they receive each month.

We collected items to make emergency bags for homeless clients in February and they have requested that we continue this collection again in March as they have experienced an unusually high request for help from homeless clients this winter. So we are still collecting food items to make emergency bags for homeless clients. Remember to buy canned goods with tab tops, protein bars and breakfast bars and any items that can be eaten on the go. Thank you to all who faithfully support this important mission that cares for our community.  ~*Thank you the Mission Committee*

**Food Cart...**

Items needed for the Food Cart for ***Park View Community Mission.***

For the Month of  **March**

Soups, canned meats, ravioli, and breakfast bars. Make sure the canned goods have pop top lids so they can be opened easily.

*Place donations in the grocery cart, located in the Commons.*\*\***NOTE: Please put all liquids in the box provided. Tape down all flip top bottles. AND no “*baked goods*” of any kind.**

~Thank you, *Linda Jessen & The Mission Committee*

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Gifts & Memorials

**In Memory Of:**

*Winnie Kessle*

Given by: Wilton & Kitty Burgess

*Bob Boswell*

Given by: David & Eleanor Maxham, Annie Nash & Susan Nash, Wilton &

Kitty Burgess, Robbie Perrow

*John White*

Given by: Frances Unruh, Wilton &

Kitty Burgess, Robbie Perrow, Vernelle Roupe

**In Honor Of:**

*Fred Norvelle*

Given by: Robbie Perrow

*Cliff Taylor*

Given by: Robbie Perrow

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| **Those Who Serve**  **Those Who Serve~March**  **GREETERS:**  March 6 ~Mary Walker  March 13 ~Judy Robertson  March 20 ~Tucker Cole  March 27 ~Ann Robbins  **MONEY COUNTERS:**  Wes & Ann Robbins  Linda Wright  \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*  **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.)**  + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +  Chestnut Hill you are a loving and caring congregation. You have visited, sent cards, made calls to us, and in addition made donations to Chestnut Hill in Buddy’s memory. You have been a great comfort during my hospitalization after my car accident. This has been a difficult time in the life of our family. My boys, Tad & Kevin, and I thank you! Love, ~*Barbara LeFew*    + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +  **News from our Choir Director**  We meet on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Come and lend your voice. All are invited!!  ~*Heather Wilson*  **News from our Choir Director**  We meet on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Come and lend your voice. All are invited!!  ~*Heather Wilson*  **News from our Choir Director**  We meet on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Come and lend your voice. All are invited!!  ~*Heather Wilson*  In Memoriam  *John D. White, III*  February 28, 1945 – January 18, 2022  *Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church extends Christian love and sympathy* to the family of *John White, III* and especially to his wife, Jane, and children, John and Laura. | **Our Church Financial Picture**  Through the end of January 2022  General Operating Funds:  Needed to meet our 2022 Budget $ 194,759.00  Needed to meet our budget to date $ 16,230  Actual receipts to date $ 11,579  Shortage to meet budget to date $ 4,651  Actual expenditures to date $ 15,347  Shortage to meet expenses to date $ - 4,293  Joy In Missions Funds:  Our Giving Goal for 2021 $ 11,600.00  Needed to meet our goal to date $ 967.00  Actual receipts to date $ 720.00  Special Offerings\* (not budgeted):  Received to date $ 5,600.00  Dispersed to date $ 5,500.00  \*Christmas, Easter, Annual Conference,  World Communion, etc.  **2022 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. Interfaith Outreach $1,000 $0  3. Park View Mission, Food for  Families $3,000 $0  4. Society of St. Andrew $1,000 $0  1. Adult Care Center $ 500 $0  2. Blue Ridge Area Food Bank $ 1,000 $0  3. Camp Timothy $ 500 $0  4. Churches for Urban Ministry $ 500 $0  5. Daily Bread $ 500 $0  6. Free Clinic $ 500 $0  7. Good Neighbor $ 500 $0  8. Habitat for Humanity $ 500 $0  9. UMCOR-Non-Administrative $ 500 $0  10. Undesignated $ 600 $0  SPECIAL COLLECTIONS  UMCOR (One Great Hour of Sharing) $ 0  UMCOR (Tornado/Hurricane Relief) $ 0 |





**March 2022**

January 2022

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| ***Sunday*** | ***Monday*** | ***Tuesday*** | ***Wednesday*** | ***Thursday*** | ***Friday*** | ***Saturday*** |
| **27** *Transfiguration*  *Sunday*  **9:30 AM** Sunday School  **10:30 AM** Worship | **28** | **1** | **2**        **5:00 PM**  *Ash*  *Wednesday Service* | **3**  **6:30 PM**  Choir | **4**  **10:00 AM** Homeschool | **5** |
| **6** *1st Sunday in Lent*  **9:30 AM** Sunday School  **10:30 AM** Worship | **7** | **8**  *Church Office Closed* | **9**  **10:30AM** Merry Martha’s meeting(Lunch at Charley’s-11:30 am) | **10**  **6:30 PM**  Choir | **11**  **10:00 AM** Homeschool | **12** |
| **13** *2nd Sunday in Lent*  Daylight Saving Time begins    **9:30 AM** Sunday School  **10:30 AM** Worship | **14**  **7:00 PM** Wesleyan Group | **15** | **16** | **17**  **6:30 PM**  Choir | **18**  **10:00 AM** Homeschool | **19** |
| **20** *3rd Sunday in Lent*  **9:30 AM** Sunday School  **10:30 AM** Worship  **11:45 AM** *Stewardship Luncheon* | **21** | **22** | **23** | **24**  **6:30 PM**  Choir | **25**  **10:00 AM** Homeschool | **26** |
| **27** *4th Sunday in Lent*  **9:30 AM** Sunday School  **10:30 AM** Worship | **28** | **29** | **30** | **31**  **6:30 PM**  Choir |  | |

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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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