***March 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**

**“Putting the “March” in March”**

*Come, ye that love the Lord, And let your joys be known; Join in a song with sweet accord,*

*Join in a song with sweet accord, And thus surround the throne, And thus surround the throne.*

*We’re marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful, Zion: We’re marching upward to Zion,*

*The beautiful city of God.* *(Isaac Watts and Robert Lowry, 18th and 19th century)*

*We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God*

*We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God*

*We are marching, we are marching, Oh. We are marching in the light of God.*

*We are marching, we are marching, Oh. We are marching in the light of God*

*(Traditional African hymn)*

*Marching on in the light of God, Marching on, I am marching on; Up the path that the Master trod,*

*Marching, marching on. Marching on through the hosts of sin, Victory’s mine while I’ve Christ within. Marching on in the Spirit’s might, More than conqueror in every fight. Marching on with the flag unfurled, Preaching Christ to a dying world.* *(Robert Johnson, 19th century)*

Have you ever wondered how the months of the year got their names? I was thinking about this very question and became curious about the origins of “March” – the third month of the calendar year. After a little research, I learned that March is named after the old Roman god Mars. March is one of four months (including January, May, and June) that are named after long-forgotten Roman deities. In the ancient Roman calendar, March was the very first month of the year, equivalent to January. It marked the very beginning of the season of military campaigns in the Roman world. As the calendar evolved, January rose to prominence as the first month of the year, but March was the first month for quite some time.

Perhaps the most intriguing thing about March is that in English the word is not merely a name but also a verb, an action word: March!

This got me to thinking of all the hymns that have marching as the theme. Marching is something we do together. It has purpose. Marching requires organization, determination, and a sense of mission. *Onward Christian Soldiers* has the feel of marching even if it is not mentioned specifically. In this way, hymns that mention marching envision the process as something the whole church of God does together. I like those combined images of forward momentum and community spirit. It also helps that Lent, the season of spiritual preparation for Easter, occupies all of March this year. In the Lent season we are moving (indeed marching) toward Easter. It’s something we do with determination, purpose, and together. Whether one expresses their renewed spiritual engagement by giving up a treasured treat or through increased spiritual discipline (prayer, devotional reading, service, self-reflection), Lenten practice emphasizes a desire toward forward momentum in the spiritual journey. Friends, let us join together in forward momentum in the ways of the Spirit, this Lent and in every sense of life! Let’s march!

 ~God bless you my friends, Adam

**Circle News**

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The Merry Marthas Circle will not meet in March but will meet in April. **We are changing our meeting day to the 3rd Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m.**, at church unless otherwise announced. We will meet on April 20th to pack Judy's car with items to take to Miriam's House. Anyone is welcome to contribute to this. They always need toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, cleaning items, new pillows, trash bags, brooms, mops, etc. Just have items at church by the morning of April 20th. We will also do some cleaning in the church kitchen that day.

The Wesleyan Group will resume on Monday, March 13, 2023 at, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Linda Jessen.

*Mission Memo*

Our food cart for January and February contained 88lbs. of food and 47lbs. of hygiene products. Park View Mission was grateful for our donations as their supplies needed the boost. Thank you to all who donated and continue to support this local mission. Our church helps to meet the needs of our community thru these donations.

For March, PVM has requested men's deodorant and baby diapers sizes 5 & 6 as they are out of these items. Also they can use more shampoo, lotion, and toothpaste.

~*Thank you the Mission Committee*

**Food Cart...**

 Men's deodorant, baby diapers (sizes 5 & 6), shampoo, lotion, and toothpaste.

*Place donations in the grocery cart, located in the Commons*.

**No “*baked goods*” of any kind.**

On Friday, Feb. 10th, we noticed that our winter box of gloves, hats, socks, mittens, and scarfs were running low. Within 30 minutes a car pulled up and three ladies from your church refilled our box. Our clients have been so thankful to have a box full of these items to choose from so their families can have warmth during these cold, windy days. Thank you so much for your continued support. Our staff and clients appreciate the warmth you provide.

~God Bless You All, *W2W Staff* (HumanKind)

\*\*Pat Short reported that 50 items were given to the Mitten Trunk. Thank you so much

***Robert “Bob” Edward Clarke***

November 2, 1936 – February 5, 2023

Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church extends Christian love and sympathy to the family of *Robert “Bob” Edward Clarke*  and especially to his wife, Elaine, and children, Clarissa, Adair, Elise, Kirsten, and his sister, Philecta.

*Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church extends Christian love and sympathy* to Judy Robertson on the death of her sister-in-law, *Charlene Reid* (Judy’s younger brother’s wife). Mrs. Reid passed away on February 2, 2023.

*Chestnut Hill extends Christian love and sympathy* to the family of *Alexis Reid* and especially to her aunt, Judy Robertson. Alexis passed away on February 13, 2023.



*We would like to thank everyone* for their calls, visits, and prayers during our recent health issues. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and know how much we love you.

~*Gene & Neta Pearson, Marsha Burks*

***Gifts & Memorials***

**In Memory Of:**

*Beryl Martin*

Given by: Robbie Perrow, Wallace & Scottie Nuckols, Margaret Martin, Mary Barnett, Dan & Judy Robertson, Frances Unruh, Wilton & Kitty Burgess, Donald & Kathy Crone

*Bob Clarke*

Given by: Dr. Cleveland & Barbara Porter, David & Eleanor Maxham, Frances Unruh, Owen Stinnette, Herman & Rebecca Steward, James & Sharon Crumley, John & Connie Greene, Bob & Eleanor Elium, John & Jane Greene, Dan & Judy Robertson

**Spring Forward**

Daylight Saving Time begins on ***Sunday, March 12, 2023***. Remember to SPRING AHEAD 1 (ONE) hour before bedtime on Saturday, March 11, 2023.



**Congratulations to Jimmy & Barbara Blunt** on recently celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary. Jimmy & Barbara were married on January 23, 1953 at First Methodist Church in Lynchburg.



**Senior Version of**

***“Jesus Loves Me”***

(Given by Mary Walker)

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me this I know

Though my hair is white as snow.

Though my sight is growing dim,

Till He bids me trust in Him.

(Chorus)

YES, JESUS LOVES ME…

YES, JESUS LOVES ME…

YES, JESUS LOVES ME…

FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,

With my hand in His I’ll go.

On through life, let come what may,

He’ll be there to lead the way.

(Chorus)

Though I am no longer young,

I have much which He’s begun.

Let me serve Christ with a smile,

Go with others the extra mile.

(Chorus)

When the nights are dark and long,

In my heart He puts a song.

Telling me in words so clear,

“Have no fear, for I am near.”

(Chorus)

When my work on earth is done,

And life’s victories have been won.

He will take me home above,

Then I’ll understand His love.

(Chorus)

I love Jesus, does he know?

Have I ever told Him so?

Jesus loves to hear me say,

That I love Him every day.

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**2023**

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| ***Sunday*** | ***Monday*** | ***Tuesday*** | ***Wednesday*** | ***Thursday*** | ***Friday*** | ***Saturday*** |
|  | | | **1** | **2** | **3**  10:00am Homeschool | **4** |
| **5** *Second Sunday in Lent*  9:30am Sunday School  10:30am Worship | **6** | **7**  6:30 pm  Homeschool Game Night | **8** | **9** | **10**  10:00am Homeschool | **11** |
| **12** *Third Sunday in Lent*  9:30am Sunday School  10:30am Worship | **13**  **Office Hours:** 9:00am-1:00 pm  7:00 pm Wesleyan Group | **14**  **Office Closed**  6:30 pm  Homeschool Game Night | **15** | **16** | **17** | **18** |
| **19** *Fourth Sunday in Lent*  9:30am Sunday School  10:30am Worship | **20** | **21**  6:30 pm  Homeschool Game Night | **22** | **23** | **24**  10:00am Homeschool | **25** |
| **26** *Fifth Sunday in Lent*  9:30am Sunday School  10:30am Worship | **27** | **28** | **29** | **30** | **31**  10:00am Homeschool |  |

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~March**  **GREETERS:**  March 5 ~Mary Walker  March 12 ~Betty Taylor  March 19 ~Maggie Musgrove  March 26 ~Tucker Cole    + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +  **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.)**  + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +  Free Scripture Clipart Black And White, Download Free Scripture Clipart  Black And White png images, Free ClipArts on Clipart Library | **Our Church Financial Picture**  Through the end of January 2023  General Operating Funds:  Needed to meet our 2023 Budget $ 196,989.00  Needed to meet our budget to date $ 16,416.00  Actual receipts to date $ 15,959.00  Shortage to meet budget to date $ 457.00  Actual expenditures to date $ 13,877.00  Shortage to meet expenses to date $ - 2,082.00  Joy In Missions Funds:  Our Giving Goal for 2023 $ 11,600.00  Needed to meet our goal to date $ 967.00  Actual receipts to date $ 1,125.00  Special Offerings\* (not budgeted):  Received to date $ 685.00  Dispersed to date $ 560.00  \*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. 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  Thank You for Your Generosity |

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January 2022

**2022**



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**Monday-Thursday~**9:00 am—3:30 pm

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



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