



The Bridge

The Newsletter of the Chesapeake City United Methodist Charge
Town Point † Jacob's Well † Trinity

November 2008

Our mission is to make disciples by inviting, developing, and sending people in the name of Jesus Christ through a worshipping, nurturing and teaching fellowship.

Advent

Advent begins this year on November 30th. This is a time of waiting and watching. It is a time when we focus upon the Kingdom of God, which is already here and yet incomplete. It is a time of mystery, and also a time of celebration. Jesus being born among us, being crucified, and being raised for us inaugurated God's reign in our world. We celebrate that Light. We look forward to the time when all darkness will be dispelled, when the Light of Christ will shine in it all its fullness and brilliance. We reflect upon what it means to follow a Lord who brings light of out of darkness, who has been with us, is with us, and will be with us, as Emmanuel (which literally means "God with us").

Advent is the time when we examine our hearts and our lives. As the sunshine reaches its shortest number of hours per day, we protest the growing darkness by affirming that darkness never overcomes the Light. This holy season of Advent is a time to affirm our faith in Christ, both born in human form and coming again in future glory. It is a time to look at our darkness, and open up to the Light in new ways.

It is clear that there are two competing Christmas celebrations. One that focuses upon Jesus and one that uses the three Magi as an excuse for a celebration of materialism. I expect that given the state of our economy, there will be more emphasis upon the real meaning of Advent and Christmas. This to me is an example of how God takes difficult circumstances and uses them for good.

Advent, in a nutshell, is the celebration of Jesus' birth and coming return. This year, let's take this celebration and go even deeper in our spiritual preparation and focus.

Let's consider what Jesus wants for his birthday. How can we give love, joy, peace, and hope as gifts? How can we open ourselves to receive them ourselves? There are many great answers to this question. I think they are rooted in strengthening relationship with God and one another, a generous heart, and being intentional about making room in our lives and our calendars to answer these questions more deeply.

Also, if you are not yet in the habit of giving to charity in the name of someone in your life rather than buying a material gift, I hope you will start this year. I imagine that Jesus will enjoy that birthday gift.

Striving to be faithful,
Pastor Amy

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**Pam Downey,
Youth Director**

Grace and Peace to All,

It is a great privilege to serve as Youth Director to your children. Thank you for this exciting opportunity.

Our youth are busy, busy! As the newsletter "goes to press," the high school youth are in the process of planning Halloween festivities for the younger youth of our charge. On Thursday, October 30, following dinner, children are invited to gather in Fellowship Hall for an evening of fun, games and of course, trick or treating!

The next step in the confirmation process is underway. Confirmands have met with their mentors and had a chance to get acquainted. This part of the confirmation experience will be meaningful and memorable for both mentors and confirmands.

Enormous thanks go to the many youth who have shown up, *unsolicited*, to serve for Godly Play. Youth have arrived early and stayed late. They have acted as escorts, classroom assistants, set up and pack up crews, nursery volunteers and snack helpers. They have been invaluable in having Godly Play run smoothly. So should you see one of our youth members with a red wristband on Sunday morning, take a moment to thank them for serving so faithfully and graciously.

A reminder that the Christmas Bazaar is coming up on November 22. The Bazaar will benefit the Charge Youth Program, providing scholarships for retreats, rallies, and camping.

Blessings, Pam Downey



**Maura Kalafut,
Preschool Director**

Can it really be November already? The children and teachers are definitely settled in to their routine. We really had a great time in October with our visit from the Fire Department and the Chesapeake City Library. And our visit to Filasky Farm was awesome! Our annual fund raiser with Claire's Gourmet earned our school almost \$1000 with participation and donations.



Thank you to everyone!

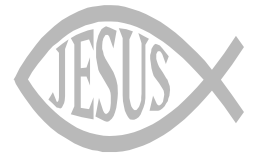
During the month of November, the preschoolers will be learning the letters G, H and I and the numbers 7-9. With Thanksgiving coming soon, there are many people in our community that may not have the money to have a nice dinner. During the month, the preschoolers will learn about giving thanks and helping those who may need a warm meal by donating non-perishable food items to the food pantry. It is a wonderful way for the children to be thankful for what they have and to give them the opportunity to give back to the community. We will collect these items from November 5-November 19 and donate them to the food pantry on the 20th. We will have the children each carry an



item to the pantry so they can see where their donations are going and explain how people come to the church when they are in need. The children will be having their own Thanksgiving feast at school with turkey roll ups, carrots and preschool-made corn muffins!

Also during November, the preschoolers will learn about healthy habits and have an Ice Cream Festival. Throughout the month they will begin preparing and practicing for their Christmas celebration that is quickly coming upon us.

Pam Downey has graciously helped us tell the Godly Play stories to the children every other Wednesday in the sanctuary. We are so excited to have Pam continue to be a part of the preschool ministry...and she is excited to share God's love with the preschoolers! In November the stories will include Fishers of Men and the Good Shepherd.



As always, thank you for your continued prayers and support to make this a wonderful program that we offer to Chesapeake City and the surrounding community. We are surely blessed and thankful!

Christmas Bazaar
Saturday, November 22nd
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. At Trinity

Attic Treasures-Baked Goods-Crafts-Silent Auction-Lunch and much more

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
 Call Kathy Moran, 410-885-2762 or Cindy Wallace, 410-275-1336

DONATE items for Attic Treasures
 (no clothes, please)

Christmas Bazaar



Chesapeake City Ecumenical Association

**Deb Forsythe,
President**

As of mid-October, we received 11 registrations for Breast Health Awareness Day. While the response is low, we hope to report a considerable increase in the final number attending our first informational seminar. We are reviewing several potential topics for 2009 and hope to offer at least 3 free seminars throughout 2009.

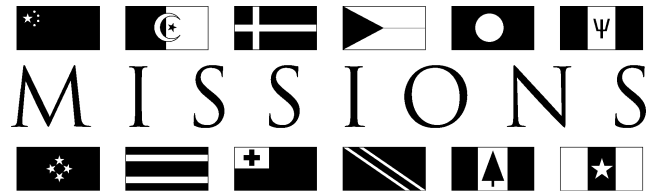
The Art Show/Auction continues to progress. We are pleased to have support from the Newark Art Alliance through the efforts of Sue Zatto. The committee has been working hard on securing a range of artwork and on selling advertising for the evening program. We are presently trying to secure a "sneak preview" at Union Hospital, just after the 1st of the year.

God continues to bless the Food Pantry with stock, while other pantries in the area are running low. We in turn will share any overflow or excess of particular food items with those pantries nearest us. In mid-November we will be blessed with the collection of food from Chesapeake City Elementary school. We are grateful for their continued annual support.

Lastly, the national statistics and local findings continue to run parallel. The number of families seeking financial aid is increasing, even though many of those families members are gainfully employed. The cost to live however is far exceeding the income. The number of homeless is on the rise, and the population most effected falls on the elderly and single, middle-aged women. Having recently read reports in AARP and in speaking with friends in ministry across the east coast, the need is increasing at an alarming rate, while government programs are being cut and donations are down across the board for non-profit groups.

Worse, many grant programs and many cooperation **specifically exclude** faith-based organizations from application and/or contributions. Yet without faith-based organizations, many of those seeking aid would leave empty-handed. Adding to the stress, is the fact that most faith-based organizations have a life span of 20 years, or about one generation. I thank God for the continued support of all the private donors and groups who have provided for the CCEA. I pray for your continued support, renewed interest and God's guidance as we move through these turbulent times.

May GOD keep you safe in HIS arms...



Beth Ohline, Sending Chairperson

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies. We were able to donate 10 backpacks to Chesapeake City Elementary School. A large basket of supplies was sent to Meeting Ground along with \$70.00 in Wal-Mart gift cards. Another large basket was donated to Generation Station for the students to use. What a great way to help children start the school year.

Another "thank you" to all who donated items to the What's In A Dresser Project. We were able to fill a dresser and two hamper. We had some beautiful handmade blankets and quilts donated. This will be such a blessing to a young mother and child just starting life together.



Rotating Shelter Update

CCUMS will host the rotating homeless shelter for two weeks: the week after Christmas and the first week of March. Our site supervisors for CCUMC will be Gary Cochran, Tom Duffy and Joyce Stansfield.

Volunteers will be need for setup, intake, to shop for supplies, and to provide breakfast and dinner (lunch may not be needed this year). Evening and overnight supervisors will fill important roles also.

For more information, or to volunteer for one or both of CCUMC's weeks, look for the sign-up sheet in October at Trinity, or contact the site supervisors:



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joycestansfield@hotmail.com

Tom Duffy, 410-392-4430,
abrtduffy@verizon.net

Gary Cochran, 410-885-2709,
tic_watch_tic@hotmail.com

Study Opportunities in November

Bazaar Crafters Group

Join in the fun assembling crafts to be sold at our Annual Christmas Bazaar. Wednesday evenings at Town Point. Experience not necessary. Crafting begins at 5; come when you are able.

PRAYER: Does It Make Any Difference?

Does prayer change us or God? Or both? In six sessions, Philip Yancey will help us explore and experience the very heartbeat - the most fundamental, challenging, perplexing, and deeply rewarding aspect - of our relationship with God: prayer. What is prayer? How does it work? And more importantly, does it work? Monday evenings beginning November 3rd at 7 pm at Town Point. Led by Carl Davis.

Beginnings is a 12 week small group study about basic Christian beliefs. It is intended for adults who desire an intentional walk with God through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Whether you are an inquirer, explorer, seeker, or new church member, *Beginnings* is designed to meet you where you are on your spiritual journey. Thursday evenings at Trinity. Dinner @ 6pm. Study to follow. Led by Monty Carlisle and Ray Yarnall.

Caring for our Church Family

Come together to study and learn about supporting and caring for members of our church family. We will reflect upon how this ministry is vital to the health of the Body of Christ. If you would like to learn more about this ministry and the possibility of blessing others through it, this is the place for you. Thursday evenings at Trinity. Dinner at 6, study to follow. Led by Amy Yarnall.

Walk & Talk

Patti Blakeney will lead a time of devotion/reflection and walking at the Bo Manor track Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:30. **NOTE NEW TIME.** Will continue until winter takes over!

Bible Study with Pastor Amy

Be a part of Pastor Amy's sermon writing by exploring the coming week's sermon scripture. Wednesday mornings at Trinity 10:30 am.

Seeing Gray In A World of Black and White: Thoughts on Religion, Morality, and Politics by Adam Hamilton

"A dynamic, nationally-known pastor and bestselling author calls for a richer, deeper, and more balanced conversation on the issues that divide our country and our churches." Reverend Cindy Koski has read *Seeing Gray...* and is looking for an opportunity to discuss its ideas with others. Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at Trinity.

Fellowship Dinner Every Thursday Night, 6 p.m.

You are invited to a delicious, free dinner every Thursday night at Trinity! Enjoy the opportunity to have dinner cooked for you and to get to know others in our community of faith. After dinner, you are invited to participate in one of the ongoing studies or groups.

Donations and volunteer cooks/cleanup are welcomed

Covenant Discipleship is a small-group ministry in the Wesleyan tradition. Groups meet weekly for one hour. The agenda is a covenant written by the group based upon the General Rule of Discipleship: To witness to Jesus Christ in the world and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Through a process of mutual accountability and support for practicing the basics of Christian faith, members "watch over one another in love."

Men's Covenant Groups: Contact Ray Yarnall 410-398-8003
Thursdays, 6:15 a.m., Jack&Helen's Restaurant
Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Pastor Amy's office, Trinity
Covenant Group: Wednesdays, 9:15 a.m., Pastor Amy's office

Coming soon...

Advent Study

Thursday evenings beginning December 4th at Trinity. Dinner at 6, study to follow. Led by Pastor Amy.

Next Door Savior by Max Lucado

A 12-week study based on the book by the same name in which readers come face to face with both the holy and human sides of Jesus. Unforgettable stories and powerful truths draw us to a Savior who is as approachable as a next-door neighbor, yet holy enough to save humanity. Beginning in November at Trinity. Led by Joann Jones.



Fall Ponderings... Retreat for Prayer and Refreshment

At beautiful Ursuline Farm on the Elk River Chesapeake City, MD
(minutes from Middletown and Elkton), 9:30-2:30

Light refreshments; Bring a lunch; \$35

Presented by Anita Wood, spiritual director. For registration and directions: 302-540-8041 or anitawood1@verizon.net

Friday, November 14: "Living with Freedom and Joy: Pondering Ignatian Spirituality"

Saturday, November 1: **Family Retreat at Jesus House,** "Ears! A Listening Retreat - Learning to Listen to One Another and to God," 9 a.m.-3p.m.; \$25 per person or \$80 per family; no age limit, bring lunch.



Godly Play

By Pam Downey
Sunday School Superintendent

Our Godly Play program continues to delight children and adults alike. We have been blessed with experiencing the stories of How the Church Tells Time, Creation, The Ark and the Flood and The Great Family. Tori Dissinger, Pam Downey and Mikki Senn have served as storytellers. The response of the children through their artwork is inspiring.

Upcoming stories are Exodus, The Ten Best Ways, The Ark and the Tent and The Ark and the Temple. Tyler Downey, Linda Schnatz, Lisa Malin, Sandy Butkus and Jeanne Tracy are serving as storytellers.

We have also been blessed by our doorpersons, discussion leaders, snack providers and set-up and break-down crews. It truly takes a community to bring this program to life. Of course, the greatest blessing is in the response of our children. Nothing compares to watching their faces as the story is being shared.

Please prayerfully consider being a part of this ministry. Contact Pam Downey at 410-392-4340 or pam-downey@aol.com to find out more about serving.

****NOTE NEW START TIMES****

Effective October 19th, Godly Play will begin at **Jacob's Well at 9:45 a.m.** We will still end our session with children joining the congregation for Communion and Benediction. Godly Play doors will open at **Trinity at 11:10 a.m.**

Thanksgiving Worship



**Wednesday,
Nov. 26th
7:30 p.m.**

**1st Presbyterian
328 Cecil St.
North Chesapeake City**

Rev. Kathie Pownall

The

Bulletin Board

Have You Noticed Our Bulletin Boards?

**They are neat, up to date, and
dressed for every season, thanks to
the work of Belinda Bair.**

**Thanks Belinda, for sharing your
creative talents!**

November



- 3 Hannah Dolde
- 4 Clay Drake
Morgan Jones
- 5 David Dougherty
- 8 Cleora Dolde
- 12 Nancy Nickerson
Laurelyn Auer
Jean Ritter
- 13 Tara Gustafson

- 14 Leanne Malone
Gina Troy
- 16 Alex Smith
- 17 Chase Justice
- 18 Ian Lennox
- 22 Patti Blakeney
- 24 Naomi Ireland
- 28 Courtney Bolton
- 29 Colleen Giesing



- 11, 1972 Beckey & Baynard Nickerson
- 20 Doris & Jack Yates
- 22, 1979 Shirley & Clarence Thompson
- 24, 1961 Barbara & Walter McCabe
- 29 Betty & Jim Kline

SERVING THE LORD AT TOWN POINT

	November 2	November 9	November 16	November 23	November 30
Lay Reader:	Pam Dolde	Mikki Senn	Doug Senn	Joint service	Carol Wieser
Offertory Prayer:	Communion	Doug Senn	Mikki Senn	Joint service	Carl Davis
Acolyte:	Josef Dolde				
Ushers/Greeters:	MaryAnna & Dick Taylor	Jackie & John Ryan	Shirley Kidner Cathy Ebright	Joint service Joint service	Ida Pearce U Ivesay
Communion Steward:	Ida Pearce				

SERVING THE LORD AT JACOB'S WELL

	November 2	November 9	November 16	November 23	November 30
Inside:	Rick Squire	Renie Poole	Mark Downey	Joint service	Jesse Riggan
Outside:	Linda Squire	Joan McKeown	Tyler Downey	Joint service	Barb Stuart
Parking:	Kelly Stansfield	Phyllis Davis	Spin Sheldon	Joint service	Tom Stansfield
Ushers:	Rick Squier Linda Squier Ray Yarnall, Sr. Miry Jane Titter	Chris Dougherty Andrew Dougherty Renie Poole Joan McKeown	Sally Sheldon Sue Lee Mark Downey Tyler Downey	Joint service	Joyce Stansfield Gndy Wallace Jesse Riggan Barb Stuart
Refreshments:	Allison Everett Deb Vogelsong	Roxanne Niner Kelli Stansfield	Linda Squier Phyllis Davis	Joint service	Chris Dougherty Gndy Wallace
Setup:	Edna Wyatt Lori Goldsmith	Robin Reiver Ree Gnelli L. Guinard Mnty Carlisle	Downeys M Milson Janet Hufford	Joint service	Ree Gnelli L. Guinard Robin Reiver Sheldons
Teardown:	Squiers Gndy Wallace	Janet Nickle Bifferatos	Downeys L. Guinard	Joint service	Bifferatos Downeys
Service Coordinators:	Lori Goldsmith Gndy Wallace	L. Guinard G. Bifferato	Downeys L. Guinard	Joint service	L. Guinard G. Bifferato

SERVING THE LORD AT TRINITY

	November 2	November 9	November 16	November 23	November 30
Lay Reader:	Tom Duffy	Cheryl Dawkins	John Gimmy	Marian Harvey	Barbara Lort
Offertory Prayer:	Joyce Stansfield	Tucker Matthews	Jim Prigel	Hannah Harvey	Gwenn Barteld
Acolyte:	Emily & Hannah Harvey				
Ushers/Greeters:	Pete & Barbara Nester, Charlene Green				
Nursery:	TBA	TBA	Paulette Hufelt Kay Repella	TBA	TBA
After Worship Fellowship:	Barbara Nester				

SEARCHING FOR NEW LEADERSHIP

The Lay Leadership Team is looking for new and additional volunteers in the following areas:

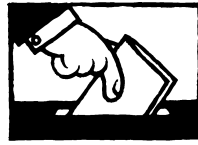
- * Godly Play
- * Youth Group
- * Jacob's Well Tech Team
- * Communion Stewards
- * Lay Readers
- * Greeters
- * Ushers

Contact the church office to volunteer,
410-885-5641

Election Message from the Council of Bishops

Public discourse, especially in this season of presidential elections, has often deteriorated into acrimonious, disrespectful and divisive rhetoric. Such speech, in the interest of short-term political gain, will make it more difficult for the nation to unite to work together on the great challenges that face the United States and the world today.

We urge all United Methodists to daily pray for the upcoming elections, its candidates, voters and leaders. We further encourage you to contact the presidential and vice presidential candidates and their campaigns and call them to commit themselves to conduct their debates, their advertisements and all their public speech in ways that honor the principles of fairness and accuracy. Call them to focus on the critical challenges that threaten the future of our national and the world: poverty, war, racism, inequality of opportunity, the current financial crisis and terrorism in all of its forms.



**DON'T
FORGET
TO VOTE**

The Chesapeake City United Methodist Charge

Sunday Worship Services

Town Point UMC
8:45 a.m.,
61 Port Herman Road

Jacob's Well I
10 a.m.
Godly Play 9:45 Bo Manor
Auditorium

Trinity UMC
11:15 a.m.
Godly Play 11:10 a.m.
Third St. & Bohemia Ave.

Hope for the Homeless Benefit Concert Featuring "Back Porch Revival"

(Music with a message . . . music that ROCKS!!!)

Plus: Special Guest Appearances by Michael Foresteri & Christian Dance Troupe

Saturday, November 8th, 7 to 9 pm First Assembly of God, 290 Whitehall Road, Elkton

FREE ADMISSION!!! (donations will be gratefully accepted)

Fundraiser for Meeting Ground -a nonprofit organization serving the homeless in our community

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