

**April/May/June 2025**

**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**

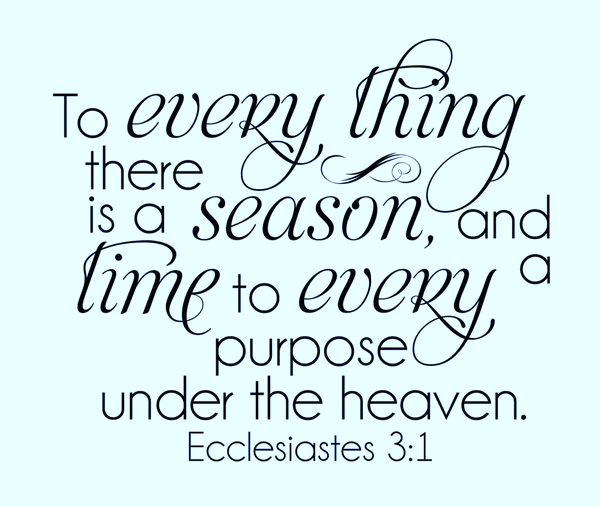
*“Truth for the Long Term “*

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.* (Lamentation 3:22-23)

*Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.* (Isaiah 40:28-31)

As I began to write this article for our church newsletter, I thought about the expanse of time that this article must address. This newsletter covers all of April, May, and June. In the life of the church, and even in the ordinary calendar, three months can seem like a long time. And so, as I began to reflect and write, I tried to imagine all the possible moments or events that could arise in the expanse of three months. After all, life moves pretty fast, and who knows what new issues and headlines might arise which would be pertinent to address in a newsletter article. It seems like one article is hardly enough for a quarter of the year. But then I got to thinking about the way we conceive of time in the world of the Spirit. In the church we use language that reflects the “bigness” of time. We speak of eternal life. We note as Isaiah does that our God is everlasting and without any limitation – be it in space, time, might, mercy, love, or attentiveness to human need. Not only is our God always “on duty” so to say, but God conveys something of that bigness to us in the ways of inner strength and fortitude. We hear this in both the words of Lamentations and Isaiah. The eternality of God continues to make us new and give us fresh vitality (after all, to speak of the eternal is to speak of a state of perpetual newness). God is in the business of lifting us up when we are fainting and fearing, granting us strength and courage such that in the sense of Spirit we can “run and not be weary, and walk and not faint.” Nothing comes as a surprise to God, and with God with us and for us, we might be surprised from time to time, but our Heavenly Helper is never surprised, and as such, God can give us the wherewithal to face and triumph over whatever surprises may come. And in that light, three months is not such a long time.

  God bless you my friends, Adam



**Goodbye/Hello**

*We would like to say a BIG thank you to Heather Wilson* for sharing her wonderful talent of music while being our Director of Music in the past few years. It has come time to say thank you and goodbye. We will miss you and please remember you will always be in our hearts. We rejoice that her retirement will allow her to spend precious and meaningful time with her family.”

*We now say “hello” to our new Director of Music , Sharon Mayhew*. Sharon has been a Chestnut Hill member for years and has substituted for Heather on occasion. We welcome you, Sharon, in your new role and look forward to many years of you being our Director of Music.

**** Circle News

The Merry Marthas Circle will meet on Thursdays, April 24, May 22, June 26 at 10:30 at church in the OMU Sunday School room, followed by lunch at Charley's. We decided to meet through the summer and not meet in December, January, and February. In July, Camp Meadowlark will be meeting at church, so we will probably go straight to Charley's for meeting and lunch on July 24. Specific programs and offerings will be announced in the Sunday bulletins.  ~*Judy Robertson*

The Wesleyan Group will meet on Monday, April 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Linda Jessen. On May 12, at Charley’s, 6:30 p.m., and on June 9, we will meet at the home of Betty Taylor at 6:30 p.m. *~Ann Robbins*



**The choir** will be singing on Sundays, April 13 and 20. We will be rehearsing at 10:00 a.m. May and June will be announced later. We will sing familiar hymns so come join us!

*~Sharon Mayhew*, Director of Music

**Food Cart: April/May/June**

**Small jars of peanut butter, canned fruits, and vegetables.** Place donations in cart in the Commons. *No* ***“baked goods”****!* *Place donations in the grocery cart, located in the Commons*.

 **Easter Offering**

Our goal to reach will be $7,000 to be used for the beautification of the front of our church. Envelopes are provided in the pew racks for the month of April.



***Virginia Annual Conference ~*** *Roanoke, VA*

**Wednesday, June 11 to Saturday, June 14**



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**

**Our Church Financial Picture**

Through the end of March 2025

General Operating Funds:

Needed to meet our 2025 Budget $ 200,803

Needed to meet our budget to date $ 50,201

Actual receipts to date $ 29,446

Shortage to meet budget to date $ 20,755

Actual expenditures to date $ 43,721

Shortage to meet expenses to date $ 14,275

Special Offerings\* (not budgeted):

Received to date $ 1,280

Dispersed to date $ 980

\*Christmas, Easter, Annual Conference,

World Communion, etc.

Thank you for your generosity.



**GOOD NEWS** will be

published quarterly. Pick up your

copy in the Commons or watch for it on

our website: www.chestnuthillumc.net.

**~Those Who Serve ~**

**APRIL GREETERS**

April 6 ~ *Ann Robbins*

April 13 ~ *Betty Taylor*

April 20 ~ *Jane White*

April 27 ~ *Mary Walker*

**MAY GREETERS**

May 4 ~ *Ann Robbins*

May 11 ~ *Betty Taylor*

May 18 ~ *Jane White*

May 25 ~ *Judy Robertson*

**JUNE GREETERS**

June 1 ~ *Mary Walker*

June 8 ~ *Dan Robertson*

June 15 ~ *Maggie Musgrove*

June 22 ~ *Ann Robbins*

June 29 ~ *Betty Taylor*

*Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church extends Christian love and sympathy* to the family of *sympathy* to the family of *Linda H. Wright* and especially to her daughter, Mandy, and sister, Helen Snow. Mrs. Wright passed away on January 23, 2025

And to the family of *Harriett Wiley* and

especially to her daughter, Linda Collins. Mrs. Wiley passed away on February 22, 2025.

*Gifts & Memorials*

In Memory:

*Linda Wright*

Given by: Frances Unruh, UMW Of Chestnut Hill UMC (Meals on Wheels)

**Souper Bowl Sunday *(Meals on Wheels)***

We received $1,000.00 for Meals on Wheels. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.



Mark your calendar…

**Join us f**or *Maundy*

*Thursday* worship service on

Thursday, April 17, 2025, at

6:00 p.m. Holy Communion will

be served.

***GRADUATES***

Graduation is upon us. Let us know if you, or a family member, will be graduating this year.



**Calendar of Events**

**Sundays**—Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. ~ Worship Service, 10:30 a.m

**Fridays** –Homeschool, 10:00 a.m.

***April***

**Thursday, April 3** *Homeschool Rehearsal, 10:00 a.m.*

**Tuesday, April 8**  *Homeschool Game Night, 7:00 p.m.*

**Wednesday, April 9** *Homeschool Rehearsal, 11:00 a.m.*

**Thursday, April 10** *Homeschool Rehearsal, 10:00 a.m.*

*Homeschool Member mtg, 6:30 p.m.*

**Friday, April 11** *Homeschool Theater Play, 6:30 p.m.*

**Sunday, April 13** *Choir, 10:00 a.m.*

**Thursday, April 17** *Maundy Thursday Service, 6:00 p.m.*

**Friday, April 18** *Homeschool Yearbook Signing Party, 4:00 p.m.*

**Sunday, April 20** *Choir, 10:00 a.m.*

**Monday, April 21** *Easter Monday~Church Office Closed*

*Wesleyan Group @ Jessen Home, 7:00 p.m.*

**Thursday, April 24**  *Merry Marthas Circle, 10:30 a.m.*

***May***

**Friday, May 2** *Homeschool, 10:00 a.m. (End of school year.)*

**Saturday, May 3** *Homeschool End of Year Performance/Graduation, 1:00 p.m.*

**Monday, May 12** *Wesleyan Group @ Charley’s, 6:30 p.m.*

**Thursday, May 22** *Merry Martha’s Circle, 10:30 a.m.*

**Friday, May 23** *Church Office Closed*

**Monday, May 26**  *Memorial Day*~*Church Office Closed*

***June***

**Monday, June 9** *Wesleyan Group* @ *Taylor Home*, 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 11 thru Saturday, June 14**~*Virginia Annual Conference~Roanoke, VA*

**Thursday, June 26** *Merry Martha’s Circle*, 10:30 a.m.

Missions Report

In the first quarter of 2025 we donated 88lbs. of food to Park View Mission. The Mission had a busy 2024 and is gearing up for a busier 2025. Our support is vital to this important work in our community. Thank you for your continued support of this outreach project. In the next quarter we will collect small jars of peanut butter, canned fruits, and vegetables. Just a reminder the *Park View Clothing Connection* is now only taking **spring and summer clothing**.The drop off days are Wednesday and Friday 9-3. You can also leave them at the church and I will take them.   ~Thank you, *Linda Jessen & Mission Committee*

**Birthdays…**

***June***

1 June Crickenberger

2 Sandra Lane

5 Erin Long

Amanda White

8  Vernelle Roupe

9  Ramona Akins

11  Alice Lovelace

12  Frances Unruh

13  Kristy May

15  Dan Robertson

19  Suzanne Allen

Hannah Donald

20  Scottie Nuckols

21  Elizabeth Candler

Chris Henson

Sue Norvelle

23  Alice Frank

24  Jeanne Carter

Lisa Stout

26  Rebecca Cole

27  Joseph Palazzi

Cliff Taylor

30 Kane Dalton

Katie Jessen

***May***

1 Kim VandeBogart

4 Shaun VandeBogart

6 Tommy Mason

8 George Jessen

12 McKenna Mason

16 Rev. Elizabeth Ecklund

18 Jordan VandeBogart

20 Kennedy Ecklund

21 Barbara Blunt

22 Carolyn Anders

23 Robbie Perrow

27 Susan Blunt

28 Robert Hicks

Kelly Mason

29 Tucker Cole

31  Dean Burgess

***April***

1 Marable Southall-Vess

3 Tammy Cole

Nicholas Redford

Finn Tiller

6 Tamlyn Beiler

9 Michael Southall-Vess

10 Jeanmarie Martinko

White

16 A. Ellen White

17 Dianne Johnson

22 David Cole

Laura White

24 Kelly Kinzer

27 Kim Stewart

Elizabeth Willis

28 Linda Collins

29 Carolyn Phelps







**Mother’s**

**Day**

**May 11, 2025**

**Father’s**

**Day**

**June 15, 2025**



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



***DIRECTORY OF***

***CHESTNUT HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH***

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|  | Sue Haupert-Johnson | Richmond Area Resident Bishop |
|  | Rev. Dr. Sarah Calvert | Mountain View District Superintendent |
|  | Adam White | Minister |
|  | Erin Long | Associate Minister |
|  | Monica Campbell | Administrative Assistant |
|  | Sharon Mayhew | Director of Music Ministry |
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|  | Judy Robertson | Lay Leader |
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