

**December Good News 2024**

**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**

**“December – What’s in a Name?”**

Over the past year or so, I have been contemplating the meanings of month names as I write my monthly newsletter article. There are so many lovely month names filled with depth and richness. January comes from the name of the Roman god “*Janus”* who was the protector of doorways. Janus had two faces, one pointing forward and the other pointing backward. January then reflects both hope for the future and perspective on the past. February comes from the root *“februa”* which means “to cleanse.” So in February we might imagine a cleansing of our hearts from fear or worry or guilt. April comes from the root *“aperio”* which means “to open.” April signals the opening of the flower buds and the renewal of life. June comes from the root *“juvenis”* which means “youth.” December is a little less dramatic, it comes from the word for *“ten”* as December was the last month in the old Roman calendar which had only ten months and not twelve. In the old Roman calendar, December simply signaled the calendar’s end. The name lacked the robust meaning that some of the other months seem to have. Perhaps we treat December in a way that carries a sense of plain-ness as well, like an appendage attached to the end of the year. It marks the end of the earnings and tax year. In corporate and economic life, it marks the last quarter of the year. It closes a season of gains or losses. Apart from the great festival of Christmas, December might not stand out as a month. But there is a truth for us in this. It was in the ordinariness of life that the Almighty, Ever-living, and Everlasting God became incarnate and entered the world through the babe in that humble stable. With this marvelous act God exalted the human race by becoming one of us – to live our life, to die our death, and to raise us up in his rising again. God in God’s goodness comes to us in ordinary moments, and that makes all of life extraordinary. Be of good cheer, and may you find wonder in the ordinary moments of these last days of 2024. Come let us adore him!

  God bless you my friends, Adam



***Mark your calendar...***

Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

5:00 p.m.



We have set a goal of $7,000.00 for our Christmas offering. 90% will go toward HVAC repairs for our church and 10% will go toward Miriam;s House.

**** Circle News

The Wesleyan Group will meet on Monday, December 9, at 6:30 p.m., at Charley’s.

*~Ann Robbins*

The Merry Marthas Circle will **not** meet in December, but will resume 4th Thursday meetings on January 23rd. ~*Judy Robertson*



**The choir** will be singing on Sundays, December 8th & 22nd. We will be rehearsing at 10:00 a.m. We will sing familiar hymns so come join us!

*~Heather Wilson*, Director of Music

**From the Church Office...**

**“Changes to the Newsletter”**

We want to inform you that this December issue of the newsletter will be the **last issue** to be mailed out. Beginning in January 2025, it will be published quarterly. For those of you on the internet it will be available on our website: [www.chestnuthillumc.net](http://www.chestnuthillumc.net).If you are not let us know if you want one by mail.

**Hard copies** will be available for pick up in the Commons (shut-ins will receive a hard copy by

mail).

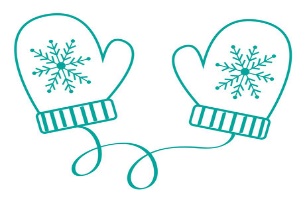
**\*\*DEADLINE** FOR *January/February/ March* newsletter articles will be Monday, December 30, 2024.

**Food Cart: December**

*Will be announced later.*

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

**Mitten Tree Trunk**

We will be collecting mittens, gloves, caps, scarves, and socks again this year for the "*Mitten Tree Trunk".* These will go to Humankind also. They also are greatly in need of warm jackets, all sizes. They can be new, gently used, and clean. They can even be adult sizes. These will be collected throughout the month of December, so you can wait and shop sales after Christmas if you like.

~*Pat Short*

 ***“Angel Tree”***

Deadline is approaching for the Angel Tree. You may shop for any items on the angel tag **and return them to church by December 8**. Or you may opt to donate any amount toward the purchase of gifts by the Humankind staff. Checks are to be made out to ***“Chestnut Hill UMC”***, Memo: **Angel Tree**, and also are due by December 8th.

**Please take an angel ONLY if you are going to shop**.

Be sure to sign the sheet on the podium beside the tree if you are taking an angel tag.  Thank you in advance for your generosity in making Christmas brighter for these children!

*Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church extends Christian love and sympathy* to the family of *Gene Pearson* and especially to his wife, Neta, and daughters, Marsha and Trisha. Mr. Pearson passed away on November 11, 2024.

And to the family of *Patricia “Patti” Roberts* and especially to her daughter, LeAnn (Chris) Glass. Mrs. Roberts passed away on November 5, 2024.



**Hurricane Helene**

Donations for Hurricane Relief was $2,700.00. Thank you so much for helping those in need.

***Estimate of Giving for 2025***

It is that time of year when we are all asked to take a prayerful look at our giving and to make a financial

commitment for CHUMC ministries. Please fill out the **“tear off”** pledge below and send to CHUMC or put it in the weekly offering plate during December so that we have your pledge by the end of December. We plan to have a luncheon after church (date and time to be announced) to celebrate our statement of faith to support the ministries of CHUMC.

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**Estimate of Giving for 2025 ~** *Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church*

Name (optional)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

After prayerful consideration, and with God’s help,

I/we estimate my/our giving to the **General Fund Budget** in 2025 will be:$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Circle one:** Weekly Monthly Yearly



6 Jennifer Jessen

13 Heather Stewart

16 Glenn Collins

17 Chris Glass

Susan Putnam

18 Linda Stables

21 Rev. Becky Cloud

Rebecca Steward

22 Neta Pearson

Jane White

23 Linda Jessen

Loretta Mayhew

Shaman

Sunderland

29 Cookie Fish



**Our Church Financial Picture**

Through the end of September 2024

General Operating Funds:

Needed to meet our 2024 Budget $ 197,677

Needed to meet our budget to date $ 148,258

Actual receipts to date $ 110,704

Shortage to meet budget to date $ 34,554

Actual expenditures to date $ 124,751

Shortage to meet expenses to date $ 14,047

Joy In Missions Funds

Our Giving Goal for 2024 $ 8,600

Needed to meet our goal to date $ 6,450

Actual receipts to date $ 7,105

Special Offerings\* (not budgeted):

Received to date $ 5,430

Dispersed to date $ 5,220

\*Christmas, Easter, Annual Conference,

World Communion, etc.

**2024 Joy In Mission Donations**

To date, the following amounts have

been paid to the missions indicated.

Budget Spent

1. Missionary Covenant Relationship

$1,000 $ 1,000

2. Park View Mission, Food for Families

$3,000 $ 3,585

3. Society of St. Andrew $1,000 $ 1,000

4. Blue Ridge Area Food Bank $1,000 $ 1,000

5. Daily Bread $ 500 $ 375

6. Good Neighbor $ 500 $ 0

7. Habitat for Humanity $ 500 $ 375

8.. UMCOR-Non-Administrative $ 500 $ 0

9. Undesignated $ 600 $ 300

10. Meals on Wheels (Souper Bowl) $ 755

Thank you for your generosity.

**Those Who Serve ~ December**

**GREETERS:**

 December 1 *~Ann Robbins*

December 8 *~Betty Taylor*

December 15 *~Jane White*

December 22 *~Mary Walker*

December 29 *~Dan Robertson*



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**



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our website: www.chestnuthillumc.net.



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| **Sunday** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
| **1 *First Sunday of Advent***  9:30am Sunday School  10:30am Worship | **2** | **3**  4:00pm Homeschool Rehearsals | **4** | **5**  Homeschool Decorating  10:00am Homeschool Rehearsals | **6**  10:00am Homeschool  4:00pm HS Preteen Holiday Party  6:30pm HS Teen Holiday Party | **7** |
| **8 *Second Sunday of Advent***  9:30am Sunday School  10:00am Choir  10:30am Worship | **9**  6:30pm Wesleyan Group @ Charley's Restaurant | **10**  7:00pm Homeschool Game Night | **11** | **12**  10:00am Homeschool  Rehearsals | **13**  10:00am Homeschool  4:00pm HS First Talent Show | **14** |
| **15 *Third Sunday of Advent***  9:30am Sunday School  10:30am Worship | **16** | **17** | **18** | **19** | **20** | **21** |
| **22 *Fourth Sunday of Advent***  9:30am Sunday School  10:00am Choir  10:30am Worship | **23** | **24**  ***Church Office Closed***  4:30pm Christmas Eve Service | **25 *Christmas Day***  ***Church Office Closed*** | **26**  ***Church Office Closed*** | **27** | **28** |
| **29 *First Sunday after Christmas***  9:30am Sunday School  10:30am Worship | **30** | **31** | **2024** | | | |





January 2022

**2022**



**April 2022**

**April 2022**

**March 2022**

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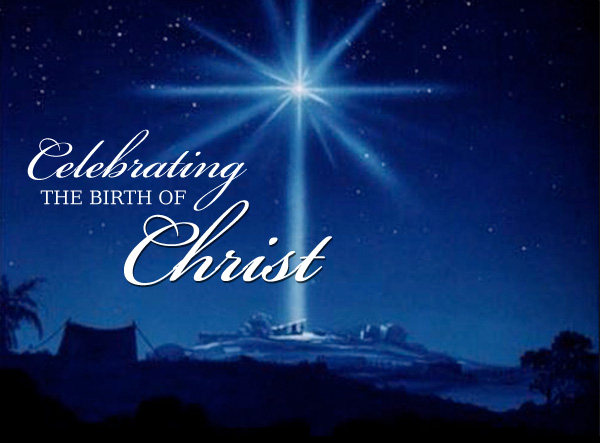
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Church Office Hours

**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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