

**January/February/March 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**

“Something New”

*In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”*

*When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Matthew 2:1-2, 10-11)*

*When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, o proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” (Luke 4:16-21)*

We celebrate the arrival of the magi or wise men on the feast of the Epiphany (January 6). The magi were Persian philosophers and teachers who followed the star in the pursuit of wisdom – divine wisdom revealed in the Christ child. The arrival of the magi shows that God is beckoning all people into relationship God through Christ. This message is not unique to Israel or Palestine or the Ancient Near East, but it is meant for the whole world – it is Good News for the entire human race in all times and places. Central to Epiphany is the idea that the divine nature of Jesus is being “disclosed, revealed, discovered, and manifest” (after all, these are all appropriate interpretations of the word “epiphany”). We use the same language in common parlance when we describe an important personal discovery as

being an “epiphany for us.” The recommend scripture lessons for the Sundays following the Epiphany also carry on the theme of disclosing and revealing Jesus’ divine nature even as he grows into adulthood. This year the lessons will include events like Jesus’ baptism and the heavenly voice declaring that he is God’s Son, Jesus turning water into water in wine, and even the passage mentioned above, when Jesus demonstrates that the writings of the prophets (like Isaiah) all foretell his healing, saving, and liberating work as God’s Messiah. In Christ, God was a new thing – a new revelation, a new disclosure of truth, a new manifestation of God’s goodness, glory, and truth. I pray that this time between the Epiphany (January 6) and the arrival of Lent on Ash Wednesday (March 5) will be marked with newness for us – that in these days we will hear God’s voice in new and clear ways, that we will have a new awareness of

God’s presence and love, that we will see new opportunities for service and compassion, and that the Spirit of God would touch the stale places of our hearts and lives and infuse us with new life and purpose. In other words, may you have an “epiphany” during this season of Epiphany!

  God bless you my friends, Adam

**** Circle News

The Merry Marthas Circle will resume on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.in the OMU room at church. We will have the Prayer and Self-Denial program and offering, followed by lunch at Charley's. We will also meet on Thursdays, February 27 and March 27 at 10:30. ~*Judy Robertson*

The Wesleyan Group will meet on Monday, will resume on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Linda Jessen. *~Ann Robbins*



**The choir** will be singing on Sundays, January 12 & 26, February 23, and March 9 & 23. We will be rehearsing at 10:00 a.m. We will sing familiar hymns so come join us!

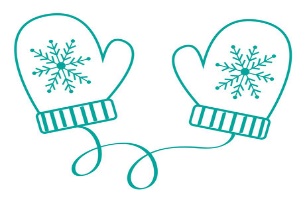
*~Heather Wilson*, Director of Music

**Food Cart: January/February/March**

*“Pop-top cans of food and fruit”* to be used in emergency bags for the homeless.

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

**Mitten Tree Trunk**

 We are collecting mittens, gloves, caps, scarves, and socks again this year for the "*Mitten Tree Trunk".* These will go to Humankind. 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. ~*Pat Short*



**Stewardship Luncheon**

On **Sunday, February 23**, we will celebrate our Stewardship (pledges) to CHUMC for 2025 with a lunch after church. This will be a covered dish meal. RSVP forms will be provided in the bulletins.

If you have not yet made a pledge and would like to do so, it's never too late!

**\*\*NOTE:** This event is subject to change if bad weather occurs.



***Christmas Un-decorating***

We will undecorate the church on Tuesday, January 14, at 9:30 a.m. Let Judy Robertson know if you can help.



Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 9, 2025. Set your clocks ahead one (1) hour on Saturday, March 8, 2025.

 **Souper Bowl of Caring**

We are participating in ***Souper Bowl of Caring (February 9-Souper Bowl Sunday)***, to benefit Meals on Wheels, for the month of February. For donations please use a pew envelope. Make checks payable to “Chestnut Hill UMC” and mark it for *“Meals on Wheels”*.



**Our Church Financial Picture**

Through the end of December 2024

General Operating Funds:

Needed to meet our 2024 Budget $ 197,677

Needed to meet our budget to date $ 197,677

Actual receipts to date $ 146,997

Shortage to meet budget to date $ 50,680

Actual expenditures to date $ 162,063

Shortage to meet expenses to date $ 15,066

Joy In Missions Funds

Our Giving Goal for 2024 $ 8,600

Needed to meet our goal to date $ 8,600

Actual receipts to date $ 9,565

Special Offerings\* (not budgeted):

Received to date $ 13,735

Dispersed to date $ 13,735

\*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 $ 3,780

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

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

5. Daily Bread $ 500 $ 500

6. Good Neighbor $ 500 $ 0

7. Habitat for Humanity $ 500 $ 500

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

9. Undesignated $ 600 $ 300

10. Meals on Wheels (Souper Bowl) $ 755

Thank you for your generosity.

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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published quarterly. Pick up your

copy in the Commons or watch for it on

our website: www.chestnuthillumc.net.

**~Those Who Serve ~**

**JANUARY GREETERS**

January 5 ~Ann Robbins

January 12 ~Betty Taylor

January 19 ~Jane White

January 26 ~Judy Robertson

**FEBRUARY GREETERS**

February 2 ~Mary Walker

February 9 ~Dan Robertson

February 16 ~Maggie Musgrove

February 23 ~Ann Robbins

**MARCH GREETERS**

March 2 ~Betty Taylor

March 9 ~Jane White

March 16 ~Mary Walker

March 23 ~Judy Robertson

March 30 ~Maggie Musgrove



**Calendar of Events**

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

**Fridays** –Homeschool, 10:00 a.m.

***January***

**Wednesday, January 1** *New Year’s Day, Church Office Closed*

**Friday, January 10**  *Church Office Closed*

**Sunday, January 12**  *Choir, 10:00 a.m.*

**Tuesday, January 14** *Undecorating Church, 9:30 a.m.*

*Homeschool Game Night, 7:00 p.m.*

**Monday, January 20** *Martin Luther King Day, Church Office Closed*

**Thursday, January 23** *Merry Martha’s Circle, 10:30 a.m.*

**Sunday, January 26**  *Choir, 10:00 a.m.*

***February***

**Saturday, February 1** *HS Teen Winter Formal Dance, 6:00 p.m.*

**Sunday, February 9**   *Souper Bowl Sunday*

**Tuesday, February 11** *Homeschool Game Night, 7:00 p.m.*

**Friday, February 14**  *HS Preteen Valentine’s Day Party, 4:00 p.m.*

**Monday, February 17** *President’s Day, Church Office Closed*

**Sunday, February 23**  *Choir, 10:00 a.m.*

**Thursday, February 27**  *Merry Martha’s Circle, 10:30 a.m.*

***March***

**Wednesday, March 5** *Ash Wednesday Service, 6:00 p.m.*

**Sunday, March 9**  *Choir, 10:00 a.m.*

**Monday, March 10**  *Wesleyan Group @ Jessen Home, 7:00 p.m.*

**Tuesday, March 11** *Homeschool Game Night, 7:00 p.m.*

**Sunday, March 23**  *Choir, 10:00 a.m.*

**Monday, March 24***Camp Meadowlark Craft Night, 6:00 p.m. (Rain date: March 31)*

**Thursday, March 27**  *Merry Martha’s Circle, 10:30 a.m.*

Missions Report

For the months of October, November, and December we donated a total of 215.6lbs of food and 4.6lbs of hygiene products. These donations were extremely helpful during the holiday season. Park View  Mission is grateful for our faithful support of this program. Thanks to everyone who continues to support this mission.

For the months of January, February, and March we will collect pop-top cans of food items and snacks to fill emergency bags for unhoused clients and others in need. ~*The Missions Committee*

January Birthdays

01 LeAnn Glass

Brenda Torian

05 Gloria Coleman

06 Brenda Lyons

08 Hylton Glass

09 Helen Snow

16 Jeanette Levin

18 Tatum Burgess

20 Jeremy VandeBogart

25 Annette Stadtherr

28  Heather Wilson

March Birthdays

1 Christine Donald

4 Edward Morton

5 Kitty Burgess

Kyle Childress

6 Rev. Adam White

11 Bryan Tiller

12 Teresa Bell

20 Meggan Saul

21 Ryan Bell

22  Addison Jay

Pat Wiley, Jr.

25 Sandra Kinzer

26 Marsha Burks

Steve Coleman

29 William Underwood

30 Vickie Busic

Jason Witt

31 Wendy Dalton

February Birthdays

3 Rebecca Beiler

7 David Maxham

11 Debra Higginbotham

Maris Tiller

13 Lanie Jay

Kirsten Tiller

15  Ted Stables

Steve Stadtherr

16 Bob Elium

17 Caitlin Wilson

23  Ty Burgess

Kimberly Rutledge

25 Elaine Clarke

Jan Wiley

28  Charles Moore





*Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church extends Christian love and sympathy* to the family of *Faye Henson* and especially to her sons, Chris and Troy. Mrs. Henson passed away on December 12, 2024.



Your donations totaled $5,920.00. Thank you so much for supporting our programs at Chestnut Hill.

**Weather Related Closures**

Be sure to tune into WSET (your email, Facebook, website) for updated information regarding Sunday services due to weather issues.



**Join us on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, for our Ash Wednesday Service, at**

**6:00 p.m.**

*Gifts & Memorials*

In Memory:

*Gene Pearson*

Given by: Merry Martha’s Circle, Wilton & Kitty Burgess, David & Eleanor Maxham





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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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