***May Good News 2022***



**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**

***Chorus***

*All things bright and beautiful, the river running by,*

*all creatures great and small, the sunset, and the morning*

*all things wise and wonderful, that brightens up the sky;*

*the Lord God made them all. The cold wind in the winter,*

*the pleasant summer sun,*

***Verses***

*Each little flow’r that opens, the ripe fruits in the garden,*

*each little bird that sings, God made them, ev’ry one.*

*God made their glowing colors, God gave us eyes to see them,*

*God made their tiny wings. and lips that we might tell*

*The purple-headed mountain, how great is God Almighty,*

*who has made all things well.*

***All Things Bright and Beautiful***

The hymn “All Things Bright and Beautiful” is a favorite among students at Virginia Episcopal School. It is a regular feature of the Wednesday chapel service and the students sing it with particular gusto and enthusiasm. I suspect they do so because they appreciate its easy, singable style – the simple, joyful, melody of the song. I also think they love it because it is so very relatable. Anyone who experiences the sweetness of a pleasant summer day and the wonder of the natural world cannot help but think of the goodness of God who gave us this wonderful world as a gift. In other words, the natural beauty so often revealed in spring and summer becomes a means, a channel, a vessel, a conduit for experiencing God’s love and grace. We understand this when people speak of the spiritual uplift they get from being out on a hike, sitting by a lake, or strolling through a garden.

Of course, the inspiration we experience through God’s gift of creation does not exist in a vacuum or without purpose. Instead, the inspiration is meant to inspire gratitude for the gift, and in turn, we are to be good stewards of the gift. This past Friday was Earth Day when many pause to reflect on God’s good gift of creation in a special way, often gathering to pick-up trash, promote recycling, or to invite friends and neighbors to drive less and bike more. After all, if the earth is a gift from God, we then honor God when we are good stewards of the gift and its resources. Truth be told, I have developed something of a reputation as an avid recycler. I have bins for all kinds of plastics, paper, and cans. In an almost neurotic way, I wash all the plastics and cans before I recycle them to make sure that they can be easily and efficiently processed into something new. In the process I have become more and more aware of just how much packaging and waste I produce in the single week, and this has given me pause to think about using less and simplifying my life. Sometimes the weekly recycling run can feel like a drag – a stale obligation. But as we enter into spring and summer, and as I spend more time out-of-doors, I know that my gratitude will grow such that recycling will not be some spiritless duty, but instead, it will become what it should be – an act of thanks and praise to God who has given me the good earth as a gift.

Friends, in this season of Eastertide, as we see the natural world spring into life, may we feel Christ’s resurrection power springing alive in our hearts. May the newness in the world around us be matched by the newness with us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

God bless you, my friends!–*Adam*

**Graduates**

Be sure and contact the church office by phone(239-8423) **or** email us (chestnuthillumc@comcast.net) if you, or a family member, will be graduating from high school or college this year!

**Congratulations to…**

**Brynn Leigh Young**, granddaughter of Wallace & Scottie Nuckols, will graduate from early college at CVCC on May 12th and from Heritage High School on May 29th. She will attend Liberty University in the Fall.

**Hannah White,** daughter to Rev. Adam White, will graduate from James Madison University with a major in Psychology and a minor in Sociology on Saturday, May 14th. She will begin working in July as an Applied Behavior Analyst for Compass Behavioral Solutions in Charlottesville.

**Choir News**

We meet on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m (subject to change). Come and lend your voice. All are invited!!

~**Heather Wilson, Director of Music**

Gifts & Memorials

**In Memory Of:**

*Thelma Hamilton*

Given by: Frances Unruh, Barbara Henderson

*Jeanette Almond*

Given by: Frances Unruh

**Circle News**

 The **Merry Marthas Circle** will meet at Charley's for lunch on Wednesday, May 11 at 11:30. We will not meet in June,

but will plan an "outing" in July, details later. At our April meeting, we packed 10 hygiene Kits for Conference, to be distributed worldwide to those in need. We also made a delivery of many household items to Miriam's House, a shelter for homeless women and their children.  We are small but mighty!

P.E.O. International (Philanthropic Educational Organization) is a non-profit organization of women, with many chapters throughout the U.S. and Canada, who raise funds for scholarships and low-interest loans for young women pursuing higher education. There are various scholarships available from undergraduate to advanced degrees. If you know of a young woman who could use some extra funds for college studies, and who has good grades and strong extracurriculars, please contact me, and I will get in touch with her with further information. She does not have to live locally or even in Virginia to be eligible. Judy Robertson, President of Chapter BC, P.E.O. (434-851-2901)

~*Judy Robertson*

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The **Wesleyan Group** will meet on Monday, May 16, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., at Charley’s Restaurant.

*Mission Memo*

For the past 5 Sundays we have collected 110 lbs. of food for the Park View Mission food for families. Our donations are a big help in supplying food for the families that are in need. With the over all economic situation today more and more families are in need of help. Each week the missions client numbers increase. We are a vital part of this mission through our food donations. Our help is thankfully received each month. Thank you to all who faithfully support this mission each month.

In May we will continue to collect cereal as this item has been in short supply. The mission committee thanks everyone for their continued faithful support.

~*Thank you the Mission Committee*

**Food Cart...**

 Items needed for the Food Cart for ***Park View Community Mission.***

For the Month of  **MAY**

**Cereal.** *Place donations in the grocery cart, located in the Commons*. **No “*baked goods*” of any kind.**

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



Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you for your prayers and concern during my recent cancer surgery. I am doing well and God has blessed me so much. It is such a pleasure to belong to a church where everyone is so loving and kind. God loves you all and so do I.

~*Pat Short*

Sue and I would like to sincerely thank the members of our church, and our ministers, for their prayers, thoughts, cards, gifts, and other kindnesses during my stay in the hospital. I

seem to be well now and hopefully on the way to recovery. Many thanks, ~*Fred Norvelle*

**In Memoriam**

*Thelma Morton Hamilton*

August 3, 1922 – March 31, 2022

*Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church extends Christian love and sympathy* to the family of *Thelma Morton Hamilton* and especially to her daughter, Alice, and son, Tommy.

Coming Up:

**Virginia Annual Conference**

Held in person this year.

Thursday, June 16 – Saturday, June 18

Hampton Convention Center, Hampton, Virginia

**Happy Birthday**





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| **Those Who Serve**  **Those Who Serve~MAY**  **GREETERS:**  May 1 ~ Mary Walker  May 8 ~Dan Robertson  May 15 ~Ann Robbins  May 22 ~Dan Robertson  May 29 ~Tucker Cole  **MONEY COUNTERS:**  Eleanor Maxham, Brenda Torian  \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*  **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.)**  + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + | **Our Church Financial Picture**  Through the end of March 2022  General Operating Funds:  Needed to meet our 2022 Budget $ 219,737.00  Needed to meet our budget to date $ 54,934.00  Actual receipts to date $ 54,490.00  Shortage to meet budget to date $ 444.00  Actual expenditures to date $ 38,239.00  Overage to meet expenses to date $ - 16,251.00  Joy In Missions Funds:  Our Giving Goal for 2022 $ 11,600.00  Needed to meet our goal to date $ 2,900.00  Actual receipts to date $ 2,580.00  Special Offerings\* (not budgeted):  Received to date $ 6,335.00  Dispersed to date $ 6,050.00  \*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 $250  2. Interfaith Outreach $1,000 $250  3. Park View Mission, Food for  Families $3,000 $955  4. Society of St. Andrew $1,000 $250  1. Adult Care Center $ 500 $125  2. Blue Ridge Area Food Bank $ 1,000 $250  3. Camp Timothy $ 500 $500  4. Churches for Urban Ministry $ 500 $0  5. Daily Bread $ 500 $125  6. Free Clinic $ 500 $125  7. Good Neighbor $ 500 $0  8. Habitat for Humanity $ 500 $125  9. UMCOR-Non-Administrative $ 500 $0  10. Undesignated $ 600 $0  Thank You for Your Generosity |

**March 2022**

January 2022



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| **Sunday** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
| **1**  **9:30 AM** Sunday School  **10:30 AM** Worship | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5**  **Office Closed** | **6** | **7** |
| **8**  **9:30 AM** Sunday School  **10:30 AM** Worship  Free mothers day flower clip art image #3264 | Happy mothers day clipart,  Happy mothers day poem, Happy mothers day | **9** | **10** | **11**  **11:30 AM**  Merry Marthas-Lunch at Charley’s | **12** | **13** | **14** |
| **15**  **9:30 AM** Sunday School  **10:30 AM** Worship | **16**  **6:30 PM**  Wesleyan Group @ Charley’s | **17** | **18** | **19**  **6:30 PM** Choir | **20** | **21** |
| **22**  **9:30 AM** Sunday School  **10:30 AM** Worship | **23** | **24** | **25** | **26**  **6:30 PM** Choir | **27** | **28** |
| **29**  **9:30 AM** Sunday School  **10:30 AM** Worship | **30**  Church Office Closed | **31** | **1** | **2**  **6:30 PM** Choir | **3** | **4** |



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Church Office Hours

**Monday-Thursday~**9:00 am—3:30 pm

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

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