

***May Good News 2023***

**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**

*A Mother's Love*

*There are times when only a mother's love*

*Can understand our tears,*

*Can soothe our disappoints*

*And calm all of our fears.*

*There are times when only a mother's love*

*Can share the joy we feel*

*When something we've dreamed about*

*Quite suddenly is real.*

*There are times when only a mother's faith*

*Can help us on life's way*

*And inspire in us the confidence*

*We need from day to day.*

*For a mother's heart and a mother's faith*

*And a mother's steadfast love*

*Were fashioned by the angels*

*And sent from God above.*  (Author Unknown)

*A Mother's Day Prayer*

*I said a Mother's Day prayer for you*

*to thank the Lord above*

*for blessing me with a lifetime*

*of your tenderhearted love.*

*I thanked God for the caring*

*you've shown me through the years,*

*for the closeness we've enjoyed*

*in time of laughter and of tears.*

*And so, I thank you from the heart*

*for all you've done for me*

*and I bless the Lord for giving me*

*the best mother there could be!*  (Author Unknown)

*To the Moms Who Are*

*To the Moms who are struggling, to those filled with incandescent joy.*

*To the Moms who are remembering children who have died, and pregnancies that miscarried.*

*To the Moms who decided other parents were the best choice for their babies, to the Moms who adopted those kids and loved them fierce.*

*To those experiencing frustration or desperation in infertility.*

*To those who knew they never wanted kids, and the ways they have contributed to our shared world.*

*To those who mothered colleagues, mentees, neighborhood kids, and anyone who needed it.*

*To those remembering Moms no longer with us.*

*To those moving forward from Moms who did not show love, or hurt those they should have cared for.*

*Today is a day to honor the unyielding love and care for others we call 'Motherhood,' wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves.*

(Rev. Hannah Kardon, Pastor at Elston Avenue United Methodist Church, Chicago, Illinois)

My mother is the perfect mother. She was always there, always nurturing, always kind – The pinnacle of goodness. She is the kind of mom one reads about in story books. There is a magical quality about her, making her seem just as much a “fairy godmother” as a mother. Still she would protest at the idea of being perfect. She would insist that no one is perfect, least of all her. No matter how many times I might espouse her perfect, she would deflect it. I suspect it is like this for many of us. We remember our mothers with a certain romanticism and they remember themselves with a certain realism. We remember all they did well (often forgetting the rest) and they remember all the things they wish they would have done better. Perhaps this is the special gift of retrospect, that we look back through shinier lenses in life. The first two poems/prayers listed above are of the more romantic and idyllic presentations of motherhood (the kind I think of in regard to my own mother). Yet, I deeply appreciate the poem/prayer written by Rev. Hannah Kardon, because it does not shrink from the hard things of motherhood.

There can be many feelings that surround the idea of motherhood: women who wanted to be mothers, but could not; women who were mothers, but for whom the task proved too great; women who chose the mother-like nurture of others, rather than having children of their own; women who lost children to death far too soon; women for whom the promise of motherhood did not come to fruition; women who sought service to the broader world over the singularity of their own family. I suppose the best way to celebrate Mothers’ Day is with open hearts and open eyes, in a way that embraces all the expressions of motherhood – biological mothers, spiritual mothers, cub scout den mothers, soccer moms, and all women who care in mom-like ways. Let us ask God to bless the whole of motherhood – its wonder, its joys, its hardship, its regrets, its promise. Thanks mom!

God bless you, my friends! Adam



Circle News

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****The Merry Marthas Circle will meet on Thursday, May 18th, at 10:00 a.m., in the church social hall. We will be packing health kits for Conference. Each kit will cost about $10, so I am asking that each member contribute $5 so that we will not deplete our treasury.  Lunch at Charley's for anyone interested!                 ~*Judy Robertson*

The Wesleyan Group will meet at Charley’s Restaurant on (third Monday) Monday, May 15th, at 6:30 pm.

*Mission Memo*

In March the mission cart contained 20lbs of food items and 21lbs of hygiene products. Thank you to everyone who donated needed items for Park View Mission. The outreach of this mission has really grown and our church is a part of this success. For May we will collect body wash, deodorant (men/women), toilet paper, and tampons. Thank you for the donations of men’s clothing. If you have other items you would like to donate to the clothing connection, I will be glad to take them

for you if you bring them to the church (Monday-Thursday, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm).

~*Thank you the Mission Committee*

**Food Cart...**

Body Wash, Deodorant (Men/Women), Toilet Paper, Tampons

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



The choir will be singing on Sunday, May 14, and will be rehearsing at 10 AM. We will sing familiar hymns so please come join us!

*~Heather Wilson*, Director of Music



***Virginia Annual Conference***

***June 15-17***

***Berglund Center, Roanoke***



2023

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| *Sunday* | *Monday* | *Tuesday* | *Wednesday* | *Thursday* | *Friday* | *Saturday* |
|  | **1** | **2**  6:30 pm Homeschool Game Night | **3** | **4** | **5**  10:00am Homeschool | **6**  12:00 pm Homeschool Festival of the Arts |
| **7**  9:30am Sunday School  10:30am Worship | **8**  5:00pm CSE (Camp Meadowlark) | **9** | **10**  Church Office Closed | **11** | **12** | **13** |
| **14 Mother’s Day**  9:30am Sunday School  10:00 am Choir Rehearsal  10:30am Worship | **15**  6:30pm Wesleyan Group @ Charley's | **16** | **17** | **18**  10:00 am Merry Marthas | **19** | **20** |
| **21**  9:30am Sunday School  10:30am Worship | **22** | **23** | **24** | **25** | **26**  Church Office Closed | **27** |
| **28**  9:30am Sunday School  10:30am Worship | **29**  Church Office Closed | **30** | **31** |  | | |

**May Birthdays**

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



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

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| **Those Who Serve~May**  **GREETERS:**  May 7 ~ Betty Taylor  May 14 ~ Judy Robertson  May 21 ~ Ann Robbins  May 28 ~ Maggie Musgrove    + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +  **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 2023  General Operating Funds:  Needed to meet our 2023 Budget $ 196,989.00  Needed to meet our budget to date $ 49,247.00  Actual receipts to date $ 36,959.00  Shortage to meet budget to date $ 12,288.00  Actual expenditures to date $ 37,229.00  Shortage to meet expenses to date $ - 270.00  Joy In Missions Funds:  Our Giving Goal for 2023 $ ..9,600.00  Needed to meet our goal to date $ 2,400.00  Actual receipts to date $ 2,525.00  Special Offerings\* (not budgeted):  Received to date $ 2,235.00  Dispersed to date $ 1,835.00  \*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 $ 200  2. Park View Mission, Food for  Families $3,000 $ 880  3. Society of St. Andrew $1,000 $ 250  4. Adult Care Center $ 500 $0  5. Blue Ridge Area Food Bank $ 1,000 $ 250  6. Daily Bread $ 500 $ 125  7. Free Clinic $ 500 $0  8. Good Neighbor $ 500 $0  9. Habitat for Humanity $ 500 $ 125  10. UMCOR-Non-Administrative $ 500 $0  11. Undesignated $ 600 $0  Thank You for Your Generosity |

**March 2022**



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**Monday-Thursday~**9:00 am—3:30 pm

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



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