

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38)

*Do not fear, for I am with you,
do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)*

Dear Cherrydale Church Family,

CoVid-19, a new coronavirus, is of serious concern to all of us as we monitor the rapidly changing news of health precautions, closures, and market changes. At Cherrydale, we have encouraged people to use the hand sanitizer in the narthex, avoid shaking hands or touching one another during the passing of the peace, and altered communion to enable people to participate in multiple ways depending upon their comfort level. Our custodian continues to do a consistently excellent job of cleaning and disinfecting surfaces throughout the church building.

Until further notice, we are suspending our Lenten dinner and program series.

As for worship, this Sunday we are planning to have worship unless Arlington County schools close. We will follow the precautions of the school system—if they close, we will not gather in person for worship, nor will the building be used by groups. If the school system does not close, we will gather for worship but will not have the passing of the peace and will encourage families/couples/individuals to sit in every other pew, etc. We encourage you to continue to give, but instead of passing the collection plate, they will be available at the back of the Sanctuary. Of course, you can give online through our website (www.cherrydaleumc.org). And importantly, we are keeping current to make informed decisions around care for our community, particularly those at increased risk.

Worship is central to our life as a faith community. We welcome you in church. However, we also understand that for some, it will be necessary to suspend coming to church. If you are feeling ill or are in a high-risk population (check www.cdc.gov), we encourage you to stay at home. When you come to church or go about your daily lives, wash your hands frequently and follow all the recommendations of the CDC. Most of all, though, remember that you are loved. Remain calm, and believe God's promises. If we are not able to see one another for a period of time, remember the words spoken by Jacob when he and Laban made a covenant: "The Lord watch between you and me, when we are absent one from the other." (Genesis 31:49b) If we do have to close, I will send out devotions and prayers, and we may be able to record and post readings on our website (we're working on this!) Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love at Cherrydale UMC!

Blessings, Pastor Elizabeth

CHERRYDALE UMC 2020 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 27, 2020 – July 31, 2020

09:00 am (EDT) – 01:00 pm (EDT)



Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway!
On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus
pulls them through life's ups and downs.

**Campers ages 4 (by July 27, 2020) through rising 5th grade students
are invited to participate.**

Older students and adults are encouraged to join us as volunteers.

Fees: \$95 per child, siblings are \$70.

Registration: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/cumc2020>

Cherrydale Notes

March 15, 2020



THIS WEEK AT CHERRYDALE:

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (Chapel)
9:30 a.m. Bible Study for Everyone (Library)
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School (Room 300)
11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
11:15 a.m. Cherrydale Cheetah Sunday School meets after Children's Time
1:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #5221 (Room 300)
3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #6997 (Montgomery Hall)
3:45 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #60102 (Room 300)

March 15

Monday

10:30 a.m. PACE Mom's Group #1076 (Parlor)
7:00 p.m. Pathway Forward Meeting (Emurian Room)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop #149 (Montgomery Hall)

March 16

Tuesday

6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting (Emurian Room)
7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Service Unite #60-6 (Montgomery Hall)
8:00 p.m. AA--Open meeting (Room 300)

March 17

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Lenten Study Dinner (Montgomery Hall)
7:00 p.m. Lenten Study Program (Montgomery Hall)
7:00 p.m. Girl's Troop #149 (Room 300)

March 18

Thursday

10:30 a.m. PACE Mom's Group #1082 (Parlor)
11:00 a.m. Pilgrimage Class (Emurian Room)
3:45 – 8:45 p.m. Dance Class (Montgomery Hall)
7:00 p.m. Church Council (Room 300)
7:00 p.m. Pilgrimage Class (Emurian Room)

March 19

Friday

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast (Montgomery Hall)

March 20

Saturday

10:00 a.m. Zumba Gold "Walk-In" Class (Montgomery Hall)

March 21

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (Chapel)
9:30 a.m. Bible Study for Everyone (Library)
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School (Room 300)
11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
11:15 a.m. Cherrydale Cheetah Sunday School meets after Children's Time
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #149 Leader Meeting (Room 300)

March 22

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Cherrydale United Methodist Church welcomes all people, without exception.

SEEKING GOD JOYFULLY

HANDYMAN NEEDED! Cherrydale UMC is in need of a handy person who can do repairs at the church and parsonage on an as needed basis. If you know of someone, please contact either Dick Wiley at rwiley@wiley.law / 202.719.7010 or Polly Faulkner at zoelegge@aol.com / 703.536.8582. Thank you.

2020 SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Host(s) are needed. The *2020 Coffee Fellowship sign-up sheet* is available in the Narthex. **The next available Sunday is March 22.** Please sign up or contact Janet Davis at jdavis3@steelcase.com, if you are able to volunteer for any Sunday(s).

GREETING MINISTRY: A greeter can be one person, a couple, or a whole family. It involves being in the Narthex 15 minutes ahead of the Worship service to share a friendly welcome to all who arrive for worship. Please contact Marilyn Taylor: 703.528.0478 or marilyn_w_taylor@hotmail.com if you would like to sign up. **Available Sundays: March 22, April 5, 12, 19, 26.**



2020 ALTAR FLOWERS: Would you like to give flowers in honor, memory, or celebration of someone? The new sign-up poster is now on the bulletin board next to the Emurian Room. You will receive a reminder memo prior to your reserved Sunday. The flowers are yours to take home after the 11 a.m. Worship Service. The cost is \$65. Checks may be made payable to Cherrydale UMC, memo: altar flowers. The next available Sunday is April 26.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: Our church office follows the Arlington County Public School schedule. If schools are delayed or closed, and school events are cancelled, we do the same.

CUMC CEMETERY LOT UPDATE: Most of our original 16 sites have been sold to members of our church, but we still have 5 well-located sites in National Memorial Park. They are still being offered at substantially discounted prices for the benefit of our Church. For information, please call Sherfy Jones at 703.534.4007.

GROWING FAITHFULLY IN OUR DISCIPLESHIP

PILGRIMAGE INTO THE LAST THIRD OF LIFE CLASSES will have two classes, one at 11:00 a.m. and one at 7 p.m., on each of the following Thursdays: March 19, 26, April 2, 9. Classes will take place in the Emurian Room.

SUSPENDED TIL FURTHER NOTICE - LENTEN STUDY: Our Lenten Study began on Wednesday, March 4, and continues on Wednesdays, March 18, 25, ending on April 1. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m., and our program will begin at 7 p.m. We will be studying Amy-Jill Levine's engaging book: Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week. Books are recommended but not required and can be purchased on amazon.com for under \$9.00. Large print books are available for \$14. Please contact the church office if you would like us to order a copy for you. The programs will be led by John Morton, Carol Arnold, Kevin Connelly, and Elizabeth Foss.

BIBLE STUDY FOR EVERYONE CLASS: Interested in a class that dives into the stories of the Bible, but at a pace that is right for you? Cherrydale United Methodist Church is hosting a

special series for individuals with intellectual, emotional or learning disabilities and digs into the great stories of the Bible, but at a pace that will suit all the adult class members. Class meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Library.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in Room 300. We will be focusing on a thirteen week Adult Bible Studies series titled "God" which is in three parts, God the Creator, In God's Image, and Objects of Worship. Please join us. All are welcome! For further information, contact Carol Arnold at 703.525.8929 / sheaco@aol.com or John Morton at 703.965.2359 / john.elliott.morton@gmail.com

THE MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST meets every Friday morning at 7:00 a.m. in Montgomery Hall for breakfast and fellowship. This Fall we will be reading and discussing "The Four Loves" by C. S. Lewis. For more information, contact John Morton at 703.965.2359 / john.elliott.morton@gmail.com

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

THE PASSING OF TIM MOUNTZ'S FATHER, WADE: Cherrydale United Methodist Church is an incredibly caring faith community. One of the most meaningful ways we express our love for one another is through cards and calls at especially tender times in people's lives. Tim Mountz's father, Wade Mountz, died on Thursday, March 5, in Louisville, KY. His funeral was held on March 10 in Louisville, and I believe Tim and Janet have just returned home. Please remember them with your cards.

Their address is: Tim & Janet Mountz, 3886 30th Street N., Arlington VA 22207

THE PASSING OF JEAN TURNER: On Tuesday, March 3, one of our members, Jean Turner, passed away suddenly. Jean, and her husband of 66 years, John, were active church members for a number of years. Approximately 20 years ago, John suffered a series of strokes and it has been difficult for them to attend since. Though you may not have known them, I hope you will remember John with cards and notes so that he may feel the support and love of our church family. His address is: John Turner, 4666 N 20th Street, Arlington VA 22207

COLLECTING PULL TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSES: Both DC and NOVA Ronald McDonald Houses would love to receive pull tabs from soda cans, pet food cans, etc., which they can use to raise money to support the services they provide. To assist in helping Ronald McDonald Houses locally, we invite you to bring your pull tabs to church; please place them in the labeled vase in the narthex. Thank you for helping families in crisis staying at Ronald McDonald Houses!



THE KIWANIS CLUB OF ARLINGTON collects children's books to donate to the Arlington Pediatric Center, the clinic that provides free medical services to children in need. Every child who visits the center receives an age-appropriate book to take home. Please consider donating your used children's books (ages 0-18). *This will be an ongoing collection.* There is a labeled collection bin in the church workroom, on the left past the restrooms.

(Please note: they cannot accept books on the subject of any religion.)

IN GOD'S CARE: Please let the church office know of prayer concerns. Call or email the church office: 703.527.2621 or office@cherrydaleumc.org All concerns are confidential unless stated otherwise.

RETIREMENT HOMES:

Beverly King—Cherrydale Health Care Center (Arlington, VA)

Mary Hannah Martz – The Hermitage (Alexandria, VA)

Al Stevas—The Hermitage (Alexandria, VA)

ALSO IN OUR PRAYERS:

Kevin Connelly's nephew, Gabriel, who loves cards: Gabriel Albers, 2645 Red Fox Rd., Orange Park, FL 32073

Claire Wade's step-father passed away. Please remember Claire, David, Maddie, and Laura Wade, as well as Claire's mother, Joan McCabe, with your cards and condolences. The Wade Family, 2304 N. Vermont Street, Arlington, VA 22207; Joan McCabe, 900 N Taylor Street #1204k Arlington, VA 22203

CHERRYDALE CHEETAH: SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Prepare a short (4 - 5 minute) lesson to share with the children and congregation in Sunday worship. The church office will send you the bulletin ahead of time so you can see the scripture lessons for the service, and I am happy to help provide ideas. **Available Sundays: March 29, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED! Are you available to teach for a month or interested in substituting? Please talk with Sara Duke - help is always needed.

*Contact: Sara Duke, on behalf of the CUMC Children's Ministries Team,
703.795.4765 / cherrydaleyouth@gmail.com*

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

- Holy Thursday Service, April 9, 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday service, April 10, 7:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday services, April 12, 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

3/01: Tyler Emory
3/02: Samuel Day
3/03: Amanda Burton
3/07: Zoe Donmoyer
3/08: Griffin Poole
3/09: Daniel Black
Rebecca Burton
3/10: James Rixse
3/11: Betsy Haines

3/12: Ellen Huskey
Barnett Norris
3/13: Theresa Caridi
3/14: Chris Williams
3/19: Douglas McQueen
Martha Smith
3/20: Ann Garrison
Roger Nucho
3/21: Amy Williams

3/22: Connor Bradfield
Lee von Schrader
3/28: Don Strehle
Marilyn Taylor
3/29: Janet Davis
3/30: Edward Faulkner