



50+ MINISTRY NEWSLETTER Spring Edition 2024

Every Seat Tells a Story



When you step into the sanctuary on Sunday take a closer look at the ocean of faces. Do we ever really KNOW our friends in the seats next to us? What is their life story? Do they have children? What are their interests? What brings them to Heritage? What trials have they experienced? What miracles have they borne witness to?

Every Sunday sitting in the seat next to you is someone who has a unique story just waiting to be shared and our Sunday school class will provide that forum.

Beginning in March join the 50+ Sunday School Class every 4th Sunday as we present a new Sunday school class series

entitled "Every Seat Tells a Story". The series title may sound familiar and for good reason. The idea originated from Pastor Chris' Sunday morning interviews last year. 50+ enjoyed the presentations so much that 50+ hijacked the topic.

Pastor Bowman launches our series on March 24th with Betty Bowman filling the April 21st slot. More information on these and others in our Every Seat Tells a Story Series can be found on page 7.

Sunday School class starts at 8:30 but join us at 8 am for breakfast. We have a 'seat' waiting for you.

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March & April Events

WEDNESDAYS

MARCH 13-MAY 8, 2024

THE CHOSEN - SEASON 3



7PM-8:30PM

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SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

50+SOUP LUNCHEON

11AM-1:30PM

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TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024

VOLUNTEER BINGO RETURNS!!!

6PM-7:30PM-\$5.00

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SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

MEN'S BREAKFAST @HCC



DOORS OPEN AT 8AM

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SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

50+ LADIES FELLOWSHIP
PANERA BREAD—PASADENA

11:30AM



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SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

2ND ANNUAL

JIGSAW COMPETITION

11AM-1:30PM



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SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024

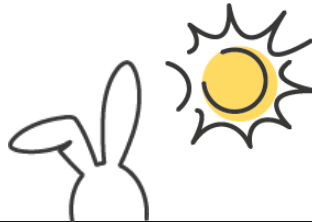
DROP OFF AT GATHERING PLACE
FOR PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

10AM-1PM

Palm Sunday Cake Auction



We are so very excited to offer a special treat during this year's Palm Sunday Bake Sale. Our Pastor's wife, Magan, has graciously agreed to bake and donate Pastor Chris' favorite cake - a delicious Chocolate Peanut Butter Delight. This mouthwatering dessert will be auctioned off to the highest bidder at our Palm Sunday sale.



March & April Events

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024



PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

BEFORE & AFTER 10AM SERVICE

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SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

BUS TRIP TICKETS

GO ON SALE FOR JUNE 13TH RIVER-
BOAT CRABFEAST



TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

VOLUNTEER BINGO

6PM-7:30PM-\$5.00

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SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

MOVIE MATINEE

11AM

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SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

"LOSS OF SPOUSE"

SUPPORT CLASS

9:30AM-11:30AM

HCC CLASS

ROOM 237



LOOKING AHEAD

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024



VOLUNTEER BINGO

6PM-7:30PM-\$5.00

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024

CYBER SAFETY SEMINAR

7PM



Movie Matinee

Saturday, April 20th 50+ Movie Matinee: What the Deaf Man Heard



About the Movie: Sammy Ayers and his mother board a bus bound for Georgia and a better life. But the next day, his mother vanishes. Sammy responds by shutting himself off from the world, pretending not to hear or speak. The bus station manager and a waitress take in Sammy. For the next 20 years, he fools the townspeople and remains silent. Then he overhears a scheme that could hurt the people he loves. Join the fun as Sammy cleverly turns the table on an entire town!

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN when we all pull together to support the 50+ Ministry through our Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale. You can help us by baking cakes, pies, more cakes, cookies, layer cakes, candy, sheet cakes, candy covered pretzels, cupcakes, treats, pound cakes and did we mention cakes? We need lots of goodies to sell.

As you read our 50+ Newsletter you will notice that the 50+ Ministry has set aside the Spectacular Saturday of Spring March 24th for everyone to stay home and BAKE, BAKE, BAKE. Better yet if you have your baking done earlier, please drop your goodies at the church early. Connie will be collecting them on Saturday the 24th from 10am to 1pm.

The 50+ Ministry will be selling premade Easter baskets for only \$15 on a first come first served basis. These baskets are better and more reasonably priced than ANY you would find in the stores.

We are also very excited to offer a special treat this year. Our Pastor's wife, Magan, has graciously agreed to bake and donate Pastor Chris' favorite cake - a decadent chocolate peanut butter delight. This mouthwatering dessert will be auctioned off to the highest bidder at our Palm Sunday Sale.

The sale will be on Palm Sunday before and after Sunday service. Monies raised from our Christmas Cookie and Palm Sunday Bake Sales support 50+ Ministry's outreaches and help keep our event costs at a minimum.



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND Choptank Paddlewheel Riverboat Cruise and Crab Feast - June 13

It is not often that the 50+ Ministry elects to do the same bus trip two years in a row, but the Choptank Paddlewheel/Crab Feast is the exception. It is a rare thing when something advertised surpasses expectations.

Last year Gunther Charters got us to the boat and back without a hitch and The Choptank Riverboat Company orchestrated a lovely paddleboat river tour. However, it was the crab feast itself that stood out the most. The Choptank Riverboat Company promised us all the crabs that we could eat and that was exactly what we got. As soon as we had picked a batch of crabs clean, the riverboat staff was dumping more in front of us. The crabs were heavy and perfectly prepared. It was pure summertime bliss.

If crabs aren't your thing, we were also served fried chicken, corn on the cob, and all the good stuff that goes with a festive summer meal.

Tickets go on sale Palm Sunday in the Ministry Center. We are selling them during the bake sale. Last year most of the tickets sold on that day so make sure you get your tickets on Palm Sunday.



SPECTACULAR SATURDAY



Soup and Sandwich Luncheon

March 2nd: In case you missed it, yesterday's 50+ Soup Luncheon was a huge success. You'll hear more about it in our May/June issue. Thank you, Janelle M, for all your hard work and thanks to Billie Jo for MC-ing the program. The Soup Luncheon was a free event.



Men's Breakfast

March 9th: HCC's 50+ Men will be spending this Spectacular Saturday morning with hundreds of others from the Delmarva-DC area sharing God's goodness in worship and fellowship over a delicious breakfast. The cost is \$25/\$30 before and after February 28th. Registration is a must at www.cogdelmarvad.com. This breakfast will be held at HCC. Look for Pastor Bowman or Art and join them at their tables.



Ladies' Lunch

March 9th: While the guys go to the Men's Breakfast, the ladies can sleep in and meet for lunch at 11:30am. Join the fun at the Panera located at 8125 Ritchie Highway Pasadena.



HURDAYS OF SPRING

Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

March 16th: Join us at 11am as we divide into teams and face off in a race to be the first to complete identical 300-piece puzzles. Sorry no prizes will be awarded; however, winners will receive bragging rights. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be served. **This is a free event.**



Saturday at Home Bake-Off

March 23rd: We might not be spending this Saturday together physically, but we will surely be together spiritually. Let's join as one and BAKE-BAKE-BAKE in preparation for our big bake sale the next day, Palm Sunday. The 50+ Ministry can only be a powerful and shining light for Jesus when we work together to insure the Ministry's financial success. Please use this Spectacular Saturday to help our ministry succeed.




Movie Matinee

April 20th: Join other 50+ Friends to watch this little-known gem of a movie, *What the Deaf Man Heard*. We will be having hotdogs, chips, and sodas followed by an ice cream social. Make sure you **bring a lawn chair** for the most comfortable seating. If you don't have a lawn chair, we have church seating available. There is a small \$5.00 charge for this event.



HCC'S TRAVELING NEWSLETTER

Take a photo holding the 50+ Newsletter and Win a Free Bus Trip in 2024!

-  Photos can come from vacation, holidays, family or church events.
-  You can only submit 1 photo per month. A random drawing will take place at the Annual Christmas Banquet.
-  Photos may appear on the 50+ Facebook page, The Newsletter, or on the 50+ Website.



Diana



Melissa



Art, Lisa, Emory Marlene

Donate Toys to CK's PointSmart!



The 50+ Ministry is supporting the CK Ministry by collecting toys for the children's incentive store, PointSmart. We are collecting Pokémon cards, Squishmallows, Beanie Babies and Boos, Barbie and American Doll clothing, dinosaurs, and actions figures. You can leave them with Angelo at the Ministry Desk, or give them to Lisa R.



THANK YOU, PETE! for fixing the closet doors in the children's CK department. Pete is an active 50+ Member and our go to fixer upper. He is an All-Around Great Guy.

LOSS OF A SPOUSE

Support Class

The death of a spouse brings a unique kind of pain. People who are widowed haven't just lost a loved one—they've lost an entire lifestyle. HCC's widows/widowers group **The Journey** is offering this 2-hour class as just one step in the long trek to the "new normal". The class starts with a short video followed by a small-group discussion.

Please register to ensure that there are enough materials. Registration can be made online, or with the church App, or email hccthejourney@gmail.com. A sign up sheet will also be available at the front desk.

Hungry Hearts 2024 Lunch Dates

Sundays: Jan 7, Mar 3, May 5, Jul 7, Sep 1, Nov 3

Saturdays: Feb 3, Apr 6, Jun 1, Aug 3, Oct 5, Dec 7

12:30pm Panera Bread, Pasadena

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Every Seat Tells a Story: Sunday School Lineup



3/24 Harold Bowman shares – God Has a Plan - As a sixth grader, in his presence the teacher told his father, "Harold will never amount to anything." She failed Harold and he had to repeat the sixth grade. God used Harold in ways that only God can, and in ways that the teacher could never imagine. Pastor Bowman shares how God had a plan for his life.



4/28 Betty Bowman shares – God Knocking at My Door - God used a drive-in movie theater to prepare the heart of a young girl for a lifetime in service for Him. Betty knew absolutely nothing about Christ and didn't even know that she should be seeking Him, so He came to reveal Himself to her.

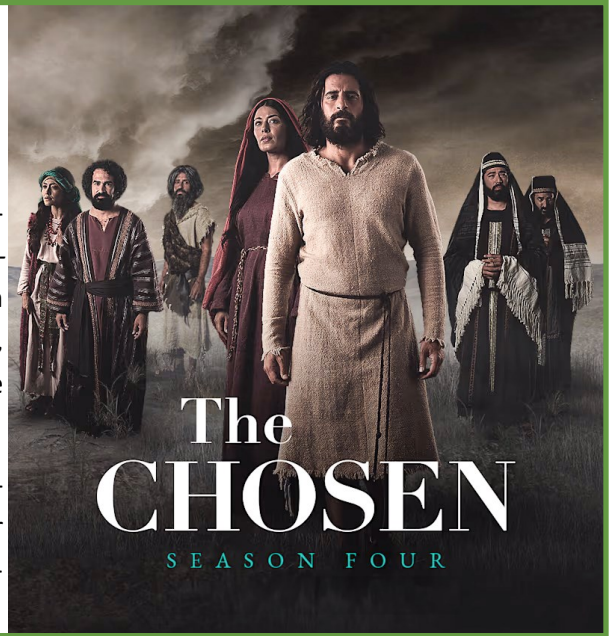


5/26 Lisa Renshaw shares – God Sent a Ram - To start her company, Penn Parking, Lisa took up residence in a parking garage in Baltimore City at 21 and lived there for 3 1/2 years. She was held up at gunpoint, had a knife held to her throat, and faced bankruptcy three times. However, like with Abraham and Isaac, when things were at their worst, God sent her a "Ram".

The Chosen Season 4 - Bible Study: A 50+ Ministry Hosted ALL Church / ALL Ages Event

Spread the Word. Every Wednesday starting March 13, 50+ Leader, Art Treichel, will lead a Bible Study based on the wildly popular TV series *The Chosen*. Each week an episode of the 4th season will be shown, and discussion will follow. Come out and enjoy. Ask your friends, bring your neighbors, phone your family. This Bible Study is a great way to evangelize. All ages are encouraged to attend.

Consider bringing someone who may be hesitant to come to church. You never know...perhaps coming to *The Chosen* Bible Study will pave the way for coming to Sunday service. Come early and join other Chosen friends for dinner in the Café



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!



HCC is recruiting folks to fill plastic Easter eggs with candy for our annual Easter egg hunt. **If you've wanted to attend our 50+ BINGO night but haven't found a way to volunteer, this is it.** Filling a bin of plastic Easter eggs will meet the volunteer qualification.

BINGO IS BACK!!

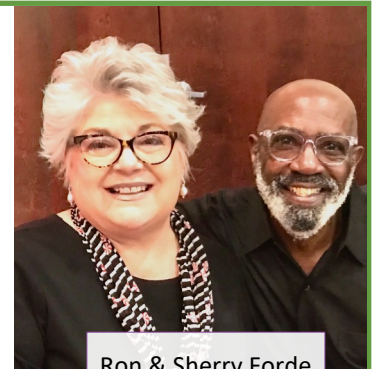


Volunteer Bingo returns! Tuesday March 5th-6pm. Our BINGO is a non-gambling game night; however, there is a \$5 charge for refreshments.

Chaplain's Corner w/ Ron Forde

It's a new New Year...Now What?

Many folks spend time making resolutions they won't fulfill or promises they won't keep. So, why do we go through this exercise every year. The Word of God refers to people having plans; however, plans are not resolutions, resolutions are simply declarations of things we'd like to do but plans are much more complex. Plans involve goals, objectives, and the steps needed to accomplish goals. Take the time to "...ask, seek, and knock..." to find out what The LORD wants you to accomplish in this season of your life, to fulfill what He chose you for, so, that the Father will be glorified. Embrace everyday as an opportunity to glorify God.



Ron & Sherry Forde



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