



# Charlestown United Protestant Church



Reaching Out with God's Love, Celebrating Life in Jesus Christ.

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A Newsletter for Friends and Residents of the Charlestown Retirement Community

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024

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**Listed below are some of the various Mission Organizations that CUPC supports.**

## **The Baltimore Rescue Mission:**

Charlestown United Protestant Church has been supporting the Baltimore Rescue Mission since 1999. Located in downtown Baltimore, the staff offers temporary overnight shelter to hundreds of men, women and children each day. The Karis House is the facility for the women and children, located in a separate space from the men. They are served hot meals and share the gospel through Bible study and services. After many years of service Pastor Chuck Buettner is stepping down as executive director and his successor who has been at the Mission, will start in early 2024.

## **The Helping Up Mission:**

HUM as it is called, has been assisting homeless and addicted men to reintegrate them back in society by sharing the gospel. In the last 2 years, they have also started a women's ministry down the street from their downtown Baltimore location. CUPC has been supporting them since 1999. HUM counsels the men and women struggling with addiction through a 1 year in-house program including, Bible study, work study and worship service. As they progress through the program, they can earn their GED or a degree through on line courses. Some of the clients can also find employment towards the end of the program.

## **Our Daily Bread Ministries:**

ODB Ministries works to lead people of all nations to personal faith in Christ by teaching the Word of God through video, print, computer and correspondence courses. CUPC has been supporting them since 1999 and we receive from them each quarter, the Daily Devotional Guide-*Our Daily Bread*, which we have available to the residents.

## **Samaritan's Purse:**

This nondenominational Christian relief organization provides physical and spiritual comfort and aid to those hurting around the world. CUPC has been supporting them since 2004. They have been meeting the needs of those who are victims of natural disasters, war, poverty, disease, and famine. During COVID, they set up a field hospital in Central Park, N.Y. to assist the number of those infected and relieve the hospital due to shortage of medical staff. Their purpose is to share God's love through His son, Jesus Christ and promoting the Gospel of the Lord. Samaritan's Purse responded to the devastating fires in California and Hawaii, helping the victims sift through the ashes for personal belongings. There is now a DART (Disaster Assistance Relief Team) in Mexico assessing the situation following Hurricane Otis.

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## **Trans World Radio:**

TWR is an international broadcasting organization that airs more than 1200 hours of Gospel programs by satellite, to three continents where mission outreach is difficult. They supply solar powered radios and other electronic equipment so that people can tune into the programs in their own language. CUPC has been supporting them since 1999.

## **Voice of the Martyrs:**

VOM is an interdenominational organization with a vision of aiding Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith in Christ. They provide medical care, housing, education and support for those have been in prison, tortured, rejected by family and driven from their home because of their love of Christ.

## **The Gideon International**

The Gideons place the Word of God in the hands of as many people as possible including hospitals, nursing homes, military schools and hotels. They want the good news of Christ to be shared throughout the world. CUPC has been supporting them since 1999.

## **Search Committee Updates**

The Search Committee continues its work to discover the appropriate candidate for Pastor of CUPC. Over 90 applications have been received and reviewed. As reported before, they had five very viable candidates, however, each declined our invitation.

## **Schedule of Special Services**

February 18, 2024

First Sunday in Lent

9:30AM in Chapel

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

9:30AM in Chapel

March 28, 2024

Maundy Thursday

7:00 PM in the Chapel

March 29, 2024

Good Friday Ecumenical Service

12:00 PM in the Chapel

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

9:30AM in Chapel



**Lighthouses of Prayer**  
**Scripture and Prayer during LENT**  
**Watch TV Channel 972**  
**Daily 8:15 am & 11:15 pm**  
**February 14 – April 1, 2024**

Two new devotionals each week of Lent, repeated twice a day for a week

**Devotionals are always available on My Erickson:**

- Click on "**Community Videos**" icon on the homepage
- Scroll down to section titled "**Spirituals**", then click on "**Lent**", then click on "**Open Lent**" to select a devotional
- Click on devotional to open in numerical order

**Lighthouses of Prayer** - A ministry of Charlestown residents and a joint Christian ecumenical ministry of Charlestown United Protestant Church and Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Community

## **Save the Date Future Event**

May 9, 2024

Lighthouses of Prayer

sponsoring

**National Day of Prayer**

11:00 AM in the Chapel