



March 1, 2026

9:30 a.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Joys and Concerns

Sharla Hulsey

To respect privacy, joys and concerns will be discussed before the public livestream. If you need to add someone, please fill out a prayer request form and place in the offering tray as it is passed.

Welcome and Announcements

Diana Rich, Elder

If you are joining Sunday worship via Facebook Live, let us know you are tuning in by leaving a comment on the live stream video.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Phyllis McBrayer

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude

Mary Coffman

Bringing the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary

Introit

Choir

"We Are Here"

*Call to Worship (*please rise as able*)

Diana Rich & Congregation

L: Blessed are you, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,
for you satisfy the hungry in body and spirit.

P: You fed your children with manna and quail,
and sustained them by your presence
as they wandered in the wilderness.

L: You have been faithful to your children throughout history,
and we have not wanted for sustenance.

P: Blessed are you, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,
for you satisfy the hungry in body and spirit.

*Opening Hymn

CH #16 (all)

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*Invocation

Diana Rich & Congregation

O God, we expect to meet you here now in bread and drink, by word written and spoken, through these our brothers and sisters present with us, and as the Holy Spirit among us. Receive our adoration for your power and wisdom, our gratitude for your glorious creation and your provision for our every need, and our response of trust and obedience to your mercy and love. Bind us together anew as a loving, forgiving, rejoicing community nourished by the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ our Lord; and call us afresh to share that nourishment with all whom we meet. Amen.

**Please rise as able*

Lenten Monologue

Justin Quick

"A Pharisee (Healing on the Sabbath)"

from *"Cries of Faith"* by Jeffrey B. Snyder

Lenten Candle Extinguishing

Sharla Hulsey

Prayer Hymn

CH #80 (all)

"My Shepherd, You Supply My Need"

Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Sharla Hulsey

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Musical Interlude

Mary Coffman

Responsive Reading

Diana Rich & Congregation

Psalm 34:3-10 (*United Methodist Hymnal*)

L: O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt God's Name together!

P: I sought the LORD, who answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.

L: Look to God and be radiant,
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

P: The poor cried out, and the LORD heard,
and saved them out of all their troubles.

L: The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear God, and delivers them.

P: O taste and see that the LORD is good!
Happy are those who take refuge in God!

L: O fear the LORD, you his holy ones,
for those who fear God have no want!

P: The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Special Music

Choir

"Your Still, Small Voice"

Scripture

Shawn Quick

John 6:1-15

**Please rise as able*

Message

“Communion at the Lakeshore”

Invitation to Discipleship

*Invitation Hymn

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

Musical Interlude

Offering Meditation

Tithes & Offerings

Offering trays will be passed in the pews.

*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Call to Communion

Communion Hymn

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

Words of Institution

Communion Prayer

Distribution of the Elements

Everyone is welcome at Christ’s Table. Those who are comfortable doing so, please come forward down the center aisle to partake at the table. Deacons will serve those who remain seated.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Benediction

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*Closing Hymn

“God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

**Please rise as able*

Serving Today

Pastor: Sharla Hulsey

Elder: Diana Rich

Deacons: Bob Thomas,

Jennifer Schmehl

Greeter: Carol Roberts

Scripture Reader: Shawn Quick

Choir Director: Carol Ann Winburn

Accompanist: Mary Coffman

Sharla Hulsey

Sharla Hulsey
CH #321 (all)

Mary Coffman
Diana Rich
Diaconate

CH #47

Diana Rich
Sharla Hulsey
CH #419 (all)

Sharla Hulsey
Diana Rich
Diaconate

Sharla Hulsey

CH #439 (v. 1)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- OUTREACH MISSION - Throughout the month of March, we will be collecting paper goods for the Community Food Pantry. Items especially needed include paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, and other similar paper products. Donations may be placed in the collection bin located in the foyer.
- LENTEN SERVICES - Meal served after service. Free will offering. Service starts at 6 p.m.
 - o March 4 @ Church of the Nazarene
 - o March 11 @ Ohio Street United Methodist Church
 - o March 18 @ Ohio Street United Methodist Church
 - o March 25 @ First Christian Church
- CHOIR PRACTICE - Throughout the Lenten Season, choir practice will be held on *Thursdays at 6pm.*
- DISCIPLES WOMEN - *Tuesday, March 3 @ 6 pm*
- ELDERS MEETING - *Sunday, March 8 after worship*

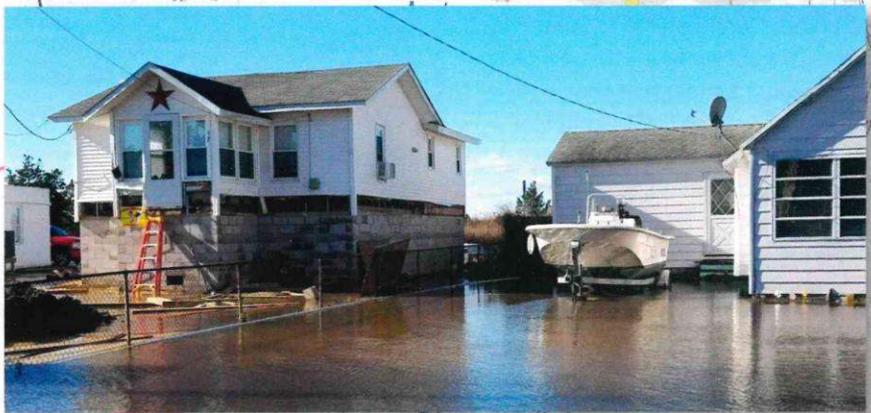
THIS WEEK’S EVENTS

Sunday, Mar. 1:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Tuesday, Mar. 3:	6 p.m.	Disciples Women
Wednesday, Mar. 4:	6 p.m.	Lenten Service at Church of the Nazarene
Thursday, Mar. 5:	6 p.m.	Choir Practice

NEXT WEEK’S EVENTS

Sunday, Mar. 8:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group & Elders mtg.
Wednesday, Mar. 11:	6 p.m.	Lenten Service at Ohio St. United Methodist Church
Thursday, Mar. 12:	6 p.m.	Choir Practice

A NEW WAY ELEVATING HOMES & HOPE



On October 29, 2021, Somerset and Dorchester counties experienced Maryland's worst tidal flooding in 50 years — in many places, water levels were at or higher than Hurricane Sandy (2012). This kind of massive flooding creates immediate and long-term health threats to flood survivors and to their homes. The influx of bay water carried contaminants and wreaked havoc on plumbing and electrical systems, and left homes susceptible to the growth of mold and mildew.

The 2021 storm was unnamed and undeclared by federal agencies, and received minimal media coverage. Few people knew the storm even happened, let alone where to find the resources and networks needed to help survivors move toward recovery. But the Eastern Shore Long-Term Recovery Committee was there. Having formed after Hurricane

Sandy, the ESLTRC was able to stand back up quickly when needed in 2021.

Following Phase One (rebuilding 10 destroyed homes) the ESLTRC imagined new ways to respond to survivor families seeking help. In spring 2024, Week of Compassion entered into a new partnership with the Eastern Shore Long-Term Recovery Committee. This partnership agreement provides salary support for the ESLTRC Disaster Recovery Coordinator as they move into Phase Two operations: a tidal flood recovery and mitigation project, aiming to use volunteer labor to elevate 100 homes that flooded in 2021 and are at risk of repeat flooding in Somerset

Story originally shared March 2025. Additional details and photos follow a recent Week of Compassion partner visit. See the 2026 Special Offering theme video "A NEW WAY" for more!
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and Dorchester Counties. The intention is to make homes healthy and safe, to "reduce the risk of repetitive damage, provide better stewardship of funding entrusted to us, and improve the quality of life for surviving families."

Two of the poorest counties in the state of Maryland, Dorchester and Somerset residents live primarily in HUD-owned public housing; almost half the population of Crisfield MD (Somerset Co) lives in supported housing units. In response to this need, the ESLTRC stepped into Phase Three of their work — partnering with the city of Crisfield to build new affordable homes on previously abandoned lots and making homes affordable and available to new homeowners. Crisfield Mayor, Darlene Taylor, celebrates the way relationships nurtured over the last decade have made possible the development of this multi-phased approach. She emphasizes "those are things that only come from long-term partnerships."

With the increased intensity and frequency of storms, the strategy — to not repair homes without also elevating them — has gained not only notoriety, but also support from the community to make lasting changes. The people of the Eastern Shore value the long-term recovery effort and the significant mitigation component.

This intersection of socioeconomic status and climate vulnerability is



where the resources and creativity of Week of Compassion, our partners, and community-driven response meet. Coming alongside climate-vulnerable communities like the Eastern Shore is a significant shared priority among ecumenical partners and local leaders.

Mayor Taylor notes, "When the ESLTRC came in, from the beginning, they built relationships of trust in our community... The vulnerable in our community are often overlooked, but one of the things the ESLTRC was so good at was making sure those who were most in need... were the ones who actually received services. What we have now is a whole new paradigm, a new trust model."

This is where Week of Compassion is eager to engage — relying on ecumenical connection and innovative local leadership to find **A NEW WAY** makes the program successful, and most importantly, provides tangible hope and new possibility for survivors right in their own communities.



SPECIAL OFFERING 2026 FEBRUARY 15 - 22

As the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Week of Compassion works with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the world, with a vision of a world where God's people transform suffering into hope.