



The Chimes

February 2020

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Clara's Contemplations

Our culture celebrates February as the month for love. Valentine's Day is special for those in a romantic love relationship. For those who aren't in such a relationship or their romantic relationship has lost its flame, all the hype around Valentine's Day can be depressing. The Good News for those in the faith is God celebrates love every day. And it's a love that isn't relegated to one form. God's love encompasses all we are and all we do! The Bible reminds us that "God so loved the world." (See John 3:16). This love is for all of creation as well as humanity! It's a love expressed in the beauty of the flowers that are beginning to pop out of the ground. It's expressed in the care of the rain as the ground is watered. It's heard in the joyful song of the birds singing in the trees. This love is even seen in the beauty of the icicles that freeze in the winter. And it's felt in the relationships we have with each other. What are some of the ways you are expressing the love that God has given you? Love is not always easy. Yet, it is always worth it! Love takes living into and growing with the assistance of fruit of the Spirit, fruit such as "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Gal 5:22). We live into this fruit because God is with us, encouraging us even prodding us along.

At the end of this month on February 26, 2020, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. This is a season in which we pay attention to the love that God shows us in the form of Jesus Christ. I invite you to come worship that day as we remember God's love for us in creation as well as the lengths God goes for us in the death of Jesus on a cross. This is symbolized in the imposition of ashes.

I also invite you to participate in some disciplines that will help you grow in love with God and neighbor – study, prayer, intentional interaction with others. Join a small group or create one that will encourage you in your growth. You don't have to wait for Lent. Begin your journey to growth now as you rely on God's love to inspire!

In God's Love,

Pastor Clara



NEWS

Endowment Fund: On behalf of the Endowment Committee I would like to thank those who have made contributions to the Chester UMC Endowment Fund and those who have supported the campaign with your prayers. Your donations demonstrate the love you have for CUMC, and we are truly grateful. We will continue to receive donations and urge those who wish to contribute to do so. It is not too late to make a contribution to receive an income tax deduction for 2019. The donations need to be received or postmarked by December 31. Contributions other than cash will be converted to cash and the proceeds invested in the Endowment Fund. We all know the Lord blesses a cheerful giver.

For more information about endowments, please contact one of our pastors or any member of the endowment committee. Emory Large (530-3359); Mike Kelley (748-4299); Harold Crowder (748-3346); Don Schmidt (715-2052); Ginger Chadwick (748-4778); or Cathy Epps (796-1435)

Two copies of Bob Farr's book, 10 Prescriptions for a Healthy Church (2015), will be available for checkout from our church library very soon. This book is one of the consultation models and a valuable resource for the transformation initiative (Next Level Innovations) that our church is undertaking in 2020.

Group Meetings and Technical Needs: Is your group holding a meeting at church? Do you need projection, microphones, or have other technical needs for your meeting? PLEASE plan ahead! Contact Joshua or Terry in the church office at least ONE WEEK before your meeting to discuss any needs so we can plan accordingly. We may need to train you on the church equipment or enlist one of our tech volunteers for your meeting. If you wait until the last minute, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to get your presentation up and running. Thank you for planning ahead so we can make things run smoothly!

Answering the following questions can help us better respond to your needs:

1. Are you using PowerPoint?
2. Will you be bringing your own laptop (preferable, as long as it has an HDMI or VGA connection)?
3. Do you need us to provide a laptop? (You'll be bringing your presentation on a flash drive.)
4. Are there any videos in your presentation? Do they require sound/amplification? Do the videos require internet access to play them?
5. Would you prefer a headset mic or a handheld mic? We encourage mic usage (even if you think you have a loud voice) to accommodate attendees with hearing difficulties.
6. Will you need Wi-Fi/internet access?

NEWS

Make a Visit to our Parish Nurse

She is available Sundays from 8:15-10:45AM in Dr. Davis' office. Would you like to have your blood pressure checked?

She can take it.

If you have questions about your medication, she can help!

Besides being prepared for First Aid, she also is CPR certified. If you are diabetic she can check your blood sugar if you are symptomatic.

Glucose tablets are available. Screening blood sugars will not be done.

All information given and visits with Parish Nurse are kept confidential.

Nurse Cindy is looking forward to seeing you!



Ultimate Reliance Lenten Practice through ZOOM video conferencing: 6-week study on **Sundays, February 23 to March 29**. *Please sign up in the pew pad and choose either morning, lunch, or evening for the study. (Mark any options that will work for you.)* The most convenient time for participants will be selected. Facilitator: Audrey Smith (acoxsmith@gmail.com)

The Mission Team will meet on Wednesday, February 5 at 7:00 pm in room 221. The meeting will be following the church dinner in the Davis Fellowship Hall. We will be setting mission events and the dates these event will take place. If you plan on attending, please let the Church office know.

Job Opportunity: Census Taker Apply online today to join the 2020 Census Team with great weekly pay (\$19/hour in Chesterfield County, \$21.50 for Richmond City, \$15.00 for Colonial Heights, \$16 for Petersburg, and \$21.50 for Hopewell), flexible hours, and paid training. You must be 18+, have a valid Social Security Number, be a U.S. Citizen, and have a valid email address. The application process includes questions related to educational, work, and other experiences. Potential employees will be required to pass a background check and need to be available to work flexible hours, including days, evenings, and weekends. Most positions require access to a vehicle, a valid driver's license, and access to a computer with internet access (to complete training). Apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs or by calling 1-855-JOB-2020. The U.S. Census Bureau is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Information cards are available in the Atrium.

Whaley Pecans for Sale: You'd be NUTS not to buy these! We have one case of nuts for sale for \$10/lb. Register in the pew pad or contact Betty Labin (748-3516) to purchase before it's too late!



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

GREENLEIGH LISTENING PROJECT: We thank God for members of Chester who are already engaged in mission at Greenleigh Mobile Home Park, a community located off Route 1 with 550 mobile homes and 2,000 children.

A small group of mentors from our church have answered God's call for us to invest time with middle and high school students and families to help residents uncover and name their God-given gifts, assets, and dreams. We began an Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) listening project with six students on November 25. We accompanied students into the homes of their families for interviews on December 9 with a goal of listening to at least 75 neighbors. The students felt proud and empowered as they asked questions such as, "If you could do anything to strengthen your neighborhood, what would you do?". Students will compile this data to determine how neighbors want to strengthen their neighborhood, and the talents and abilities that neighbors possess that can be developed for the benefit of the neighborhood.

For more information, please contact Chester mentors: Julie Ferry, Vince D'agostino, Darlene Emerson, or Audrey Smith (acoxsmith@gmail.com).

BACKPACK MINISTRY Thank you for your continuing **monetary donations** to our Backpack Ministry, which helps children in our community. We currently send home **55 bags of food (\$400 per week)** to children each weekend who attend C.C. Wells and Curtis Elementary schools. **If you would like to donate food items to this ministry, some of the staples we send home are:** canned ravioli; boxed macaroni and cheese; peanut butter; Ramen noodles; canned tuna & chicken; Spam; canned fruit; instant oatmeal; and Pop Tarts type breakfast pastries (generic brands are good!). We appreciate all the ways you support this ministry and our community.

POC: Carolyn Landis: landisfamily05@gmail.com or Karen Davis: karendavis14@icloud.com

Kroger Community Rewards Dividend: Kroger recently awarded CUMC a quarterly check for \$766.46. Thank you to the **100 households** in our church who shopped at Kroger between September 9 and November 30, 2019! The Kroger Community Rewards Program is easy just shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! Program participants may only participate in the program at one Kroger location. Visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com to enroll, verify that your enrollment is still active, or to update where you shop. **The organization number for CUMC is NQ698 (formerly 83501.)** Feel free to contact the Church Office if you need assistance.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP: meets in the Parlor on Thursdays at 6:30 PM. Prayer is critical to our relationship with God. There are many ways to strengthen your prayer life and many different ways to pray. What is Contemplative Prayer? It dates back centuries and is more grounded in our faith than many people realize. It is a form of prayer that starts with reading scripture, then silence as we calm our minds and quiet our thoughts so that we can connect with God. Please join us next Thursday! POC: Lisa Stanfield (lstanfield@whaprint.com).

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



CARITAS (Congregations Around Richmond Involved to Assure Shelter) Tiffany Terry, Director of Community Engagement for CARITAS, spoke at the January 19 UMW Meeting/Salad Luncheon. She explained some history of CARITAS, its programs, and what is new for the organization. The concept began in 1982 serving the homeless in Monroe Park when 4 faith communities opened their doors by offering the homeless places to sleep on winter cots. Now there are 165 faith communities involved in the program. In 2017, CARITAS offered over 35,000 nights of shelter. CARITAS works with 1/3 of Richmond's homeless population. They will be moving into a repurposed building on Stockton St. in June 2020. It will be the home of the Furniture Bank, CARITAS Works program, AFTER Works program, "Bridge the Gap," and "The Healing Place for Women". It will have 47 sober-living apartments and a clinic for the community as well. Even though we no longer need to house homeless persons in our church, there are other things that we can do for the program. We can do a "Shower" for an apartment and purchase items needed like trash cans, canisters, a clock, etc. Items are posted on an Amazon Wish List. We might also do a Bridge Week and provide bagged lunches for 36 people in emergency shelters, lead activities on a Monday or Wednesday evening for 36 (Bingo is a big hit), prepare a meal for 200 on a Saturday and serve it, and have a collection drive for items like toothbrushes or socks. Visit <https://www.caritasva.org/> ; POC: Julie Ferry juliejferry@gmail.com

CCHASM WOMENS CAREER CLOTHES COTTAGE

Donations of seasonally appropriate ladies' work attire can be dropped off at The Cottage on **Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 9:00 AM and NOON**. You may also leave clothing in plastic bags on the side porch at the Missions Cottage (12117 Percival Street, Chester).

WELCOME BABY MINISTRY: Want to touch the lives of our smallest members? There are many ways you can help our ministry provide notes and gifts to our young couples with new babies. ***We need:*** homemade baby blankets (crocheted, knitted, or machine stitched), large baby-themed gift bags, pastel tissue paper, and Christian birth cards. The gifts are a lasting reminder of the love our congregation has for them. Your prayers for the new babies and their families are also coveted. Thank you in advance for your donations, Sue Matthews. POC: spmatthews8788@gmail.com.

TITHELY ONLINE GIVING

Please consider e-pay through your bank or signing up for Tithe.ly on the church website (www.chesterumc.org). Most bank-affiliated bill pay services will submit your offering with no processing fee. Simply add Chester United Methodist Church as a payee and set up recurring or one-time payments.

Our Tithe.ly service also offers a simple way to contribute online! While the Tithe.ly service is free, there is a small processing fee charged by your credit card company or bank (as it is with all credit, debit, and ACH transactions). You are given full credit for your donation even though the fees are deducted from the amount you contribute, or you may choose to cover the fee yourself at the time of the transaction. CUMC pays \$19 per month for text giving; however, transaction fees still apply.

MUSIC NOTES

Join the Chancel Choir this Season as we prepare to present our Easter musical, “One Holy Lamb!” Rehearsals begin with a workshop on Saturday, February 22, at 9:30 AM. Singers of all skill levels are invited to join us! Weekly rehearsals will be held on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. “One Holy Lamb” will be presented on Sunday, April 5, at 8:30 and 11:00 AM, and again on Sunday, April 12, at 6:00 PM.

The Melody Lingers On: The Music of Irving Berlin: January 24 - February 2, 2020, presented by Henrico Theatre Company at the Cultural Arts Center Glen Allen (2880 Mountain Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23060)! In a life that spanned more than 100 years, and with a creative output of over 1,000 songs, Irving Berlin epitomized Jerome Kern’s famous adage that “Irving Berlin has no place in American music. He is American music.” This Russian immigrant wrote America’s most famous Christmas song (White Christmas), most famous Easter song (Easter Parade), most famous patriotic song (God Bless America), and most famous theatrical song (There’s No Business Like Show Business). From Tin Pan Alley to Broadway, from Hollywood to military tours of duty, the story of Irving Berlin is the story of his American century. Directed by Amy Perdue with musical direction by Joshua Wortham ; tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online at www.artsglenallen.com or by calling 261-2787.



Lessons from Mister Rogers A Sermon Series

January 19
Mister Rogers on Neighbors
January 26
Being Good Neighbors
February 2
Mister Rogers on Feelings
February 9
Mister Rogers on Losing
February 16
Mister Rogers on Love

HOPETREE FOSTER SERVICES: Do you have room in your heart, space in your home, and a desire to make a difference in the life of a teen? HopeTree is in search of people like you to become a foster parent for a teen in your community. Foster care is temporary care for a young person during a time that he or she cannot live with his or her birth family. HopeTree foster parents are provided with the training, support, and resources they need in order to care for the children placed in their home. If you want to learn more about this opportunity, please come to one of HopeTree’s Information Sessions:

February 10, 2020, 6:30pm-7:30pm
HopeTree Family Services Foster Care Office,
11745 Chester Road,
Chester, VA 23831

February 11, 2020, 6:30pm-7:30pm and
February 12, 2020, 12pm-1pm
Baptist General Association of Virginia,
2828 Emerywood Pkwy,
Richmond, VA 23294



Call (804) 201-9006 or email ShannonU@HopeTreeFS.org for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Super Bowl Soup Luncheon: Sunday, February 2, Noon Join us for good food and fellowship. Proceeds will go to the United Methodist Women's pledge to mission. The whole congregation is invited to join us for a soup luncheon immediately following 11 o'clock worship. The menu includes several heartwarming soups, corn muffins, desserts and beverages. The cost at the door is \$6 per person. Make your reservation by marking the pew register during worship or by calling the Church Office. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for more information.

Valentine's Dinner Wednesday, February 5, at 6:00 PM, honoring the women of our church. There will be a FREE catered meal (sponsored by the United Methodist Men) and special music from Craig Seal, Jack Price, and Joshua Wortham. The men of the church are encouraged to accompany their valentines to the dinner along with their children and families. Please register in the pew pad, or contact Chuck Clement (804-241-4194 / cclement@nm-americas.com.) If transportation is needed for women to attend, contact Dr. Jim Davis (804-748-6006) to arrange a ride to and from church. We look forward to your participation in this special evening.



Save the date for VBS 2020!

Monday-Friday, June 22-26, 2020
9AM-12:00PM

Register now to participate or volunteer at:
<https://2020.cokesburyvbs.com/chesterumc>

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Chester United Methodist Church Davis Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, February 19
2:30 -6:30 PM

Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Sign up to donate at www.redcrossblood.org, by phone at 1-800-733-2767, or in the Church Office. Walk-ins are welcome.



SAVE THE DATE!

Church Picnic on Sunday, June 7, 2020 at noon.



Save the date!

Arts and Craft show
Chester United Methodist Church
Saturday, May 16, 2020
Indoor and outdoor spaces will be available.
Electrical at indoor spaces only.
Food Trucks, Local Artists, and more!
POC: Katey Petrey
(cumccraftshow@gmail.com)

The United Methodist Women (UMW) is to “be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.”

●**Monday, February 3, 7 p.m.—Jean Craig Fellowship** will meet in Room 205 to work on our stuffed teddy bears and make plans for the New Year. We welcome any women who are looking for an evening circle. Call Susan Petrey, 275-9258, for details.

●**Thursday, February 13, 10 a.m.—Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship** will meet in Davis Fellowship Hall. Shirley MacPherson will present a program on "Granny Mac, Appalachia's original medical women". We welcome any women who are looking for a daytime fellowship. Call Martha Miles, 748-5476, for details.

●**Sunday, March 22 noon--Salad Luncheon—All Women of the Church** are invited to a luncheon meeting of the UMW immediately following 11 o'clock worship. Join us for the UMW Reading Program/ Call to Prayer and Self-denial/packing health kits/good food and fellowship. The Bookman Fellowship will host. Bring a salad or dessert to share.

Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, to learn more about UMW, our two participating fellowships, and how you can become involved.

Cookie Tins Needed! As you pack up your Christmas decorations, please wash and donate your cookie tins. The UMW Cookie sale earned \$870 from the sale of Homemade Christmas Cookies on December 15. Thanks to everyone who purchased cookies and especially to those who baked and donated cookies and worked the sale. Proceeds will go to support our gifts to mission; local, national and international; including, but not limited to, our CUMC food pantry, United Methodist Family Services, Branches and the United Methodist Committee on Relief. **DO NOT BUY TINS**, we get plenty! Please place clean used cookie tins in the designated bin in the Mission Closet. Call Katey McCarney, 402-0082 for more information.

UMCOR KITS for Conference—*The United Methodist Committee on Relief operates two relief depots, one in Salt Lake City and the Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana. For the past several years CUMC and the UMW have collected materials for and assembled health kits to be sent to Sager Brown. They collect kits to have on hand when disaster strikes. Due to hurricanes and flooding in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina in 2018 and 2109, there is an urgent need to restock their inventory of health kits. Therefore, our goal for this year's June 18-20 Virginia United Methodist Annual Conference in Roanoke is 100 health kits. The entire congregation is invited to support this effort by donating items to be packed into kits. Pick up your "assignment ticket" from the display in the Atrium beginning January 5, and return the assigned items to the labeled bin in the Mission Closet next to Pastor Clara's office ASAP but no later than 12 noon on Sunday, March 15. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for more information.*



UNITED METHODIST MEN

Turn Inside Out – A Church Dinner: Join us on the first Wednesday of each month (with occasional exceptions) at 6:00 PM for a church-wide dinner meeting (the family friendly meal is FREE – donations are accepted) and a special program at 7:00 PM (focused on opportunities outside these walls). Our signature dinner will include spaghetti (with or without meatballs), garden salad, bread, tea, lemonade, and dessert. Feel free to bring a dessert to share but this is not required. There will also be a separate program for children which will allow parents to enjoy the featured program. Sponsored by Chester United Methodist Men.

February 5: Valentine’s Dinner Celebrating the Women of the Church
*Musical entertainment by Jack Price, Craig Seal, and Joshua Wortham
(No Children’s program) The men of the church are encouraged to accompany their valentines to the dinner along with their children and families.*

March 4: Program TBA

April 12: Easter Sunrise Pancake Breakfast

May 6: Program TBA

June 3: Program TBA

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Join the Fresh Start Sunday School Class in Study, Fellowship and Service: Continuing through February 2--Ultimate Reliance: Breakthrough Prayer Practices by Sue Nilson Kibbey Learn to pray in faithful new ways to bring powerful renewal and progress to your spiritual life and ministry. Breakthrough prayer, a prayer process that has proven to be extremely effective for personal spiritual renewal, can have a significant impact on the members of church. This powerful, five-week study includes discussion questions, application ideas, and a breakthrough prayer practice for each chapter.

Beginning Sunday, February 9 The Walk, Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life by Adam Hamilton. How do we walk with Christ—daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? Discover five essential spiritual practices rooted in Jesus’ own walk with God. In each chapter, Hamilton’s engaging teaching style will help you explore one of these practices (each of which is intended to be a part of our daily walk with Christ) its New Testament foundation, and its potential effect on our personal lives and our lives together as the church.

The Fresh Start Class meets every Sunday morning at 9:45 in room 221. Visitors and new members



First Day Hike at Pocohantas State Park for the Journey Sunday School Class!

Saturday Men’s Group: Every Saturday at 7:30 AM, men gather at *Chick Fil-A* in Chester for scripture, affirmation, support, care, and general relationship sharing. Our group has been in existence for years, and there is always room for one more man. Blessings abound, and the Holy Spirit is found to be always in attendance. POC: Rev. Dr. Jim Davis

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Chester UMC 2020 Pictorial Directory

We are publishing a pictorial directory in March! Our professional photographer is Emily A. Butz, niece of Marian Perkinson. Emily is volunteering her services, working for commission only on the sale of the images as itemized below. She will take 5 pictures of each individual or group (two from the left and right and one from the center).

How to Guarantee Accurate Directory Info: Each participant/family needs to complete the Congregational Records Update Form, visit www.chesterumc.org and click on the FORMS tab. (Or you may pick up a printed copy of the form in the Atrium and complete by hand.) Email completed form to cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org, return to the Church Office, or turn it in during your portrait session.

Picture Dates

- Saturday, February 22, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
- Sunday, February 23, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
- Tentative Make-Up Date, Wednesday, March 4, 3:00-6:00 PM
- Each portrait sitting will last 10 minutes.
- Please arrive 10 minutes before your appointment to help us stay on schedule.
- Schedule your portrait session at <https://bit.ly/3aw5Pia> or call the Church Office (748-6006)

Photo Release Form: At your photo session, participants must fill out a photo release form in order to be photographed.

For the Directory: The photographer will choose one high resolution digital image to send to the church for publication.

Delivery of Photographs: All photos will be uploaded to Pixieset. Participants will get an email notifying them that the photos have been uploaded and inviting them to view their personal album. *If you do not have internet access, you may schedule an appointment with the Church Office to view and purchase your portraits.*

Purchasing Photos: Participants may purchase digital downloads of the images, as well as prints, through the Pixieset website.

Pricing and Packages:

- Single Digital Download (\$10.00)
- Bulk Digital Download (\$30.00) (5 files)
- Package 1 (\$50.00)
4-digital files plus 2-8X10, 3-5X7, 4-4X6
- Package 2 (\$35.00)
1-8X10, 2-5X7, 3-4X6
- Package 3 (\$25.00)
2-5x7, 2-4x6
- Print photos are also available "a la carte."

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY



PHOTO DIRECTORY IS HERE!!

**SCHEDULE YOUR PORTRAIT SESSION AT
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/3AW5PIA](https://bit.ly/3AW5PIA)
OR CALL CHURCH OFFICE (748-6006)**

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Originally, the insurance company had given us a date of January 2020 to complete the extensive repairs of our church facilities from the two hail storms visited upon us. Our extension is now extended to August 2020. This is important because there is much work to be done, particularly with the Stained Glass windows. The Parlor and Pastor Clara's office have both needed significant repair since our last update. Our Facilities are used in ever growing ways with our responses to community and our church family needs. Our turning off lights and replacing the chairs and tables is important. Such stewardship on behalf of the Lord does not go unnoticed by God even of our camera's might miss such gestures of love and care for the Lord's resources. Please set aside any broken chair or table with a note so that those who are angels will be able to try a repair when they fly by weekly. Hopefully, our new lighting in front of the Sanctuary and the change of light bulbs at the back of the church will be a significant dollar savings. The new lighting also compliments our security improvements. Our shared officer (with the Baptist church) responded when our Parish Nurse had to call 911 regarding a church member's health symptoms. Many of you have expressed appreciation for the officers assisting the merging on Harrowgate from School Street. Thank you for noticing. Our Parish Nurse has the very best blood pressure kit, so you might want to make sure that your kit at home is monitoring you fairly, by checking in with her. Because of the Holy Spirit being very active in our Worship events, you might want your pressure to be checked prior to worship. One of the ways that people are gaining access to church facilities is that people just leave through a locked door only to allow someone to gain entry by sliding in through the door before it locks again. Church security is becoming more and more a significant issue in the United States of America. The roof of the shed next to the Cottage is due for significant repair. We are finalizing the estimates and hopefully, before the next Chimes, it will have the repairs made. We have been forced to neglect it for far too long.

THANK YOU'S

To our Friends at CUMC: We truly appreciate the support, prayers, emails, cards and, love that has been bestowed upon us this past year from our Church family. God has been a continuous instrument in our healing , as well as the knowledge that prayer is a powerful instrument, too. God bless each and everyone and heartfelt thanks for your love and support. Life is good and we are well. In Christ with love, blessings and, hugs. ~ Gail and Bob Feind

Thanks to Pastors Clara and Patrick and to all CUMC members for your prayers and support after the passing of our son. The many cards and calls have been a blessing in helping us get thru this difficult time. The prayer shawls were beautiful! A special thanks to those who were so kind to come to the viewing and service for our son who left us so early. We and his family are so appreciative and feel very blessed to be a member of such a loving church. John, ~Becky and the York family

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

One word for 2020: Jesus!

Two words for 2020: Ultimate Reliance!

Three letters for 2020: NLI (Next Level Innovations)

Four, our Chester UMC Breakthrough Prayer for 2020:

“God of Miraculous Power,
break into our lives and church family that as we are
rooted in You,
we may grow in Christ
and surrender ourselves to bear fruit in Your Spirit.
Flood us with light and love with boldness
that we may dare to imagine
all the ways we can be your witnesses.
Amen.”

Sign up here!
<http://bit.ly/vdaykno>

CHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Kids' Night Out

Valentine's Day February 14, 2020
6-9PM

3YO through 5th Graders are invited to a Valentine's Day Party with crafts and games. Dinner will be provided.

Cost is \$5 per child to help cover the meal and supplies

See the Sign Up Genius for more information and to sign up:
<http://bit.ly/vdaykno>

POC: Alina Roy family@chesterumc.org



cumc kids corner



Hello Church!

We are so blessed to have amazing leaders in our children's Sunday school ministry. Thank you to leaders for all that you do! Check out some pictures from our latest project that consisted of parts of Joseph's and Mary's house that our 3rd through 5th graders built while learning about Jesus' childhood. If you'd like to join in on the fun, we are currently seeking leaders and assistants for our 3rd and 4th grade Sunday school class. Email me at family@chesterumc.org for more information.

Blessings,
Alina Roy



Faith on Fire: Performing/ Visual Arts Program

began on Sunday, January 12 and will run 11 weeks! We are focusing on different forms of the arts - guitar, drama/vocals, and visual arts (drawing). You will need a guitar to be in the guitar group but no experience required. We will learn and grow together! 11 weeks of rehearsals (Sundays 10:45am-11:45am) and then we will share in worship services on March 29. Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12 welcome. We are in need of people to share the gifts of guitar, art, and drama during our program! POC: Alina Roy family@chesterumc.org

Please sign up for the arts pathway your child prefers so that teachers can prepare!
We have limited space in guitar and visual arts, so sign up quickly!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4da9ac2aa6fb6-faith>

Chester Kids! (3rd through 5th grade group)

Chester Kids is a group for 3rd-5th graders that meets every Sunday afternoon from 3:30-5:00 PM. We have snacks, fellowship, games, and Bible study. Bring your bible and a friend!

Upcoming Events!

2/14 Kid's Night Out: Valentine's Day 6-9PM

3/29 Faith on Fire Worship Showcase and Reception

MOPS Childcare Volunteers Needed: We have three classrooms (infants, tots, & Preschool -Older 2's through 4 years old). All activities are scheduled and planned; we just need folks willing to care for the children. We are hoping to open an additional classroom as well to help get some moms off our waiting list due to our childcare being full. Activities with the children include playground, snack time, or playing inside with provided activities. Whether you can rock a baby or help play with the children, we need you! This is such a vital ministry to our community! Volunteers will need to complete a background check. Contact Brandy Sanford at brandysanford@yahoo.com or Alina Roy at family@chesterumc.org. Our upcoming meeting dates for Winter/Spring 2020 are as follows 2/7, 2/21, 3/6, 3/20, 4/17, 5/1, 5/15. All meetings are on Friday mornings from 10AM-12PM.

SENIOR CORNER

History in the Making: The Cross Over our Altar

The walnut tree from which the cross is made grew on Rochdale, a farm on the James River in Chesterfield County. The property was owned by Mr. Charles C. Moore, Sr., and his brother, Dr. W. T. Moore. The 100-year old tree was felled in 1960 and made into lumber by Curtis Lumber Company. The lumber was dressed by Mr. Samuel H. Harper of Chesapeake, Virginia.

The cross was made and given for the glory of God in memory of their parents by Thomas E. and William V. Harper and hung over the altar. (Many of you may remember Hazel and Tommy Harper.) The cross has been the central focus as you enter the sanctuary since its installation. The dedication service was held June 24, 1973.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Ron Hargrave

Mr. and Mrs. Don Pospahala
Harold Crowder
Debbie Vaughan

In Memory of Blanche Castelow

Harold Crowder

In Memory of Juanita Timmons

Wayne and Ginger Chadwick
Wayne and Ginny Virag
Barbara Goodwyn
Barbara Dance
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pospahala
Julian and Judy Thomas
Wesley Senior Class
Leonard W. Hamilton and C. Robin Timmons
The Joy Singers

In Honor of Josh

MaryLou Cumby to music

In Memory of Julia "Judy" Carroll Holt Mitchell

Ellen Z. Spiggle and Chester Chics Red Hatters

CHURCH FAMILY

We welcome into Christian membership

Dennis and Rae Ann Janderwski who joined us in Christian membership on January 5, 2020 by transfer from First United Methodist Church Pasadena in Pasadena, Texas. Their Chester Chums are Tim and Beth Stewart.

In Christian Sympathy

Juanita Baxter Timmons

(January 14, 1929 - January 1, 2020)

Julia Carrol Holt Mitchell

(March 10, 1936 - January 4, 2020)

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Be sure to wish the following people a “Happy Birthday” on their “Special Day.”

February 1
Erika Hilton

February 2
Tonya Harris
Gabe Higgins

February 3
Stede Barnes
Katie Blevins
Blake Miles

February 4
Beth Duke
Lilian Lashley
Kenzie McHugh
Charles Morgan
Julian Thomas

February 5
Kerrie Browder
Lindsay Goyne

February 6
Lauren Hayes
Jason Szymczak
Dianna Tate
Neil Wilson

February 7
Jamie Bittenbender
Allison Brubaker
Everret Daniels
Scott Finkler
Frank Kirtley
William Topping II

February 8
Dawn Boyd
Doris Boykin
Charlotte Brummette
Paul Duffy
Ken Farmer, Jr.
Kelly Krukiel

February 9
Catherine Stephenson

February 10
Marian Garrett
Bridget Mauro
Beth Powell

February 11
Monta Anthony
Phillip Arnold
Stephen Arnold
Hayden Coyner
Keith Dunnivant
Perry Miles
Drew Patton
Christopher Rasnick
Benjamin Wisegarver

February 12
Brad Browder
Justin Burnham
Scott Flaherty
Addison Winn

February 13
Laura Hougland
Peter Koch
Sharon Martin
Sarah Miller
Jason Morgan
Don Pospahala
Beth Woodard

February 14
Patrick Buzzee
Kathy Martin

February 15
Suzanne Anderson
Roy Dunnivant
Barbara MacIntyre
Deepak Thomas

February 16
Heath Anderson
Mallory Lenz
Ritu Lijewski
Rob Tankard III
Bennie Wilkinson, Jr.

February 17
Julia Bowman
Myra Cook
Rotha Covington
Ann Jeter
Keith Koob
George Ruffin, Jr.

February 18
Wesley Lee
Dale Patton

February 19
Kiefer Gibson
Cody Mauro
Courtney McCotter
Lauren Slaasted
Betty Stone
Anne Wilkinson

February 20
Phillip Arnold
George Avery, Jr.
Terrie Mason

February 21
Scott Brubake
Madison Clark
Ann Johnson
Sydni Kilbourne

February 22
George Johnson, Sr.
Trip Spain III

February 23
Kathryn Alexander
Mark Elbon
Joyce Freed
Shawn Goodman
Mike Jernigan
Matthew Mauro
Caroline McCormack
Don Mick, Sr.
John Rasnick, Sr.
Dee Watkins

February 24
Noah Comer
Terri Drewry
Rebecca Mahoney
Paul Marretti
Sarah McHugh
Amanda Perry

February 25
Douglas Anderson
Susan Carraway
Peter Davis
Bob Nixon
Alana Watkins

February 26
Aria Bala
Debbie Degraba
George Eapen, Sr.
Danny Fogleman
Joan Furr
Tory Powner
Rudy Willis, Jr.

February 27
Jake Bradley
Wyatt Gordon
Malachi Landis

February 28
Curt Baucom
Fred Buc
Kristen Coker
Dondi Flores
Kim Harper
N.W. Manuel, Jr.
Abbygail Overstreet
Mary Roberts
Judy Strawn
Nimmi Vasa

February 29
Dixie Stone





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