



# The Chimes

January 2020

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## Clara's Contemplations

2020 is an exciting year for Chester UMC. In addition to our usual ministry opportunities that always bring us joy in the Lord, we are undertaking a study of our church and community with the Next Level Innovations movement. This movement begins with prayer. Beginning this month, you are invited to pray the prayer below daily. Please use it in your personal devotional times as well as in any groups you participate in within the church. In this unified effort, we will collectively pray that God move through us in miraculous ways not only in our church but also our community.

One of the proponents of this movement is a study of us as a church and community. Demographics can tell us much about who we are and what the needs are in our community. We won't just be looking at statistics. We will have conversations about our dreams, our areas of focus, our passions. We will participate in spiritual formation studies. Our members, leadership and clergy will take part in various workshops and other learning opportunities.

This purpose for this movement is in being intentional with who we are as Chester UMC and how we are following the current of the Spirit. It will help us envision a future where God is our Ultimate Leader and Source of ministry. It will help us be deeply committed disciples.

Please go ahead and save the weekend of November 6-8, 2020. We have scheduled it for our Innovations Weekend. More information will follow as the time gets closer.

I look forward to 2020 and the many ways God will work in and through each of us as we follow in the footsteps of Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Clara

### **Breakthrough Prayer**

*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 in light and love with boldness that we may dare to imagine all the ways we can be your witnesses. Amen.*

# NEWS

**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](mailto:spmatthews8788@gmail.com).

**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 foster parents 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:

**January 6, 2020, 6:30pm-7:30pm**

HopeTree Family Services Foster Care Office  
11745 Chester Road  
Chester, VA 23831

**January 7, 2020, 6:30pm-7:30pm**

Baptist General Association of Virginia  
2828 Emerywood Pkwy,  
Richmond, VA 23294

**January 8, 2020, 12pm-1pm**

Baptist General Association of Virginia  
2828 Emerywood Pkwy,  
Richmond, VA 23294



**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)

# NEWS

## **Did you know CUMC has a Parish Nurse?**

Her name is Cindy Webb. She is a registered nurse with almost 40 years experience in all types of nursing. 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!**



**Sharing Tree Update:** Thank you, Church, for generously providing Christmas gifts for 127 adults with developmental disabilities in our community! We blessed our friends who would not otherwise have received any presents. *(All clients are screened by the Chesterfield County Mental Health Support Services.)*

**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.



# 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.

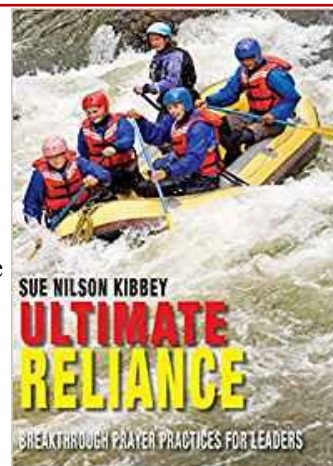
For more information, please contact Chester mentors: Julie Ferry, Vince D'agostino, Darlene Emerson, or Audrey Smith ([acoxsmith@gmail.com](mailto:acoxsmith@gmail.com)).

## **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).

**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](mailto:lstanfield@whaprint.com)).

**Ultimate Reliance:** We are inviting every group in the church to participate in a special prayer movement in January. As we prayerfully consider the Lord's will for our church family, this is a vital step. Prayer is a necessity for our lives as we relate to God and to others. The study book, *Ultimate Reliance*, is about a breakthrough prayer model that is working across our land. We are honored to offer it to our church family as we prayerfully approach our Next Level Innovations (NLI) which is a ministry movement our Administrative Council adopted this year that will continue through 2021. There are 5 "Practices" there are lifted up in the book which might bump your current studies back. *We have 100 books on hand in the church office if you'd like to grab yours early. The cost is \$10.00 payable to CUMC (memo: Study Book).*



# MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



**CARITAS (Congregations Around Richmond Involved to Assure Shelter)** has a number of exciting new developments as well as opportunities to serve! The new CARITAS center is underway which will have 160 beds as well as 47 sober-living apartments housed in a renovated tobacco warehouse. Visit <https://www.caritasva.org/> for more information and volunteer opportunities (serving meals, creating wellness kits, collecting for the furniture bank, etc.) to support this vital ministry!  
POC: Julie Ferry [juliejerry@gmail.com](mailto:juliejerry@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](mailto:landisfamily05@gmail.com) or Karen Davis: [karendavis14@icloud.com](mailto:karendavis14@icloud.com)

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are a beautiful symbol of God's glorious creation and a special way to honor friends, family, special occasions, or the memory of a loved one. The suggested donation for designs made by Worship Committee volunteers is \$55.00, or you may make arrangements with a florist. The calendar and request forms are located outside the church office. Please register in the pew pad, sign up on the Altar Flower Poster in the Atrium, or contact Gypsy Cook at [gypsycook@comcast.net](mailto:gypsycook@comcast.net).

## **TITHELY ONLINE GIVING**

**Please consider e-pay** through your bank or signing up for Tithe.ly on the church website ([www.chesterumc.org](http://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). 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.

Credit/debit card transaction fees: 2.9% + 0.30 per transaction.

*Example: \$100.00 payment = \$96.80 donation deposited after fees*

*\$103.20 payment = \$100.00 donation deposited after fees*

ACH/Bank account transaction fees: 1% + 0.30 per transaction.

*Example: \$100.00 payment = \$98.70 donation after fees*

*\$101.30 payment = \$100.00 donation after fees*

# MUSIC NOTES

**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](http://www.artsglenallen.com) or by calling

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Carnegie Hall Viewing Party:** *Sunday, January 5, at 12:15 PM* in Davis Fellowship Hall. On Sunday, November 17, thirty-nine members of our Chancel Choir had the honor of performing "Christmas Evergreens" on the stage of Carnegie Hall in New York City. Now, you have the opportunity to watch a video of that performance. All members of the community are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.



## **Save the date!**

Arts and Craft show

Chester United Methodist Church

Saturday, May 16, 2020

Indoor and outdoor spaces will be available.

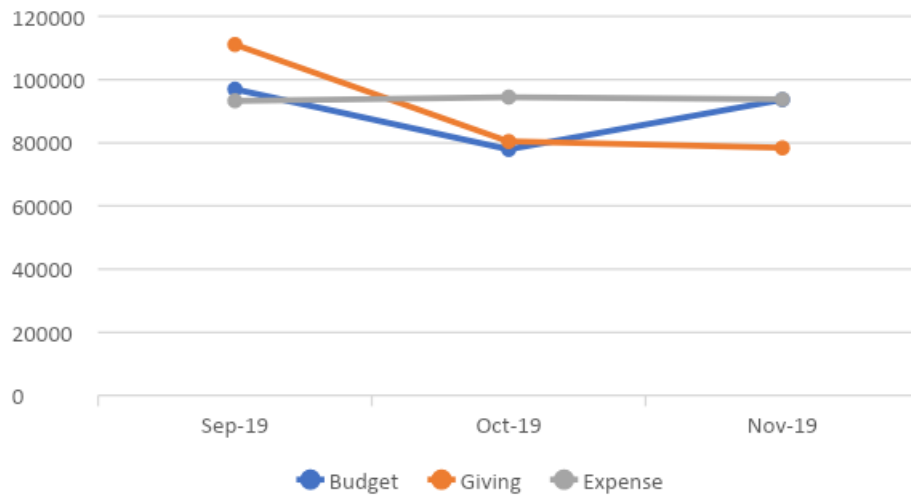
Electrical at indoor spaces only.

Food Trucks, Local Artists and more!

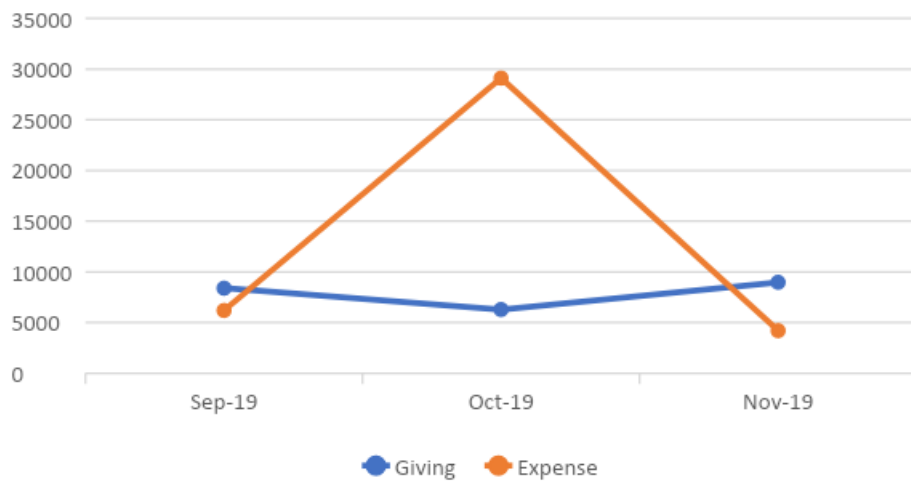
Check back soon for details.

# BUDGET UPDATES

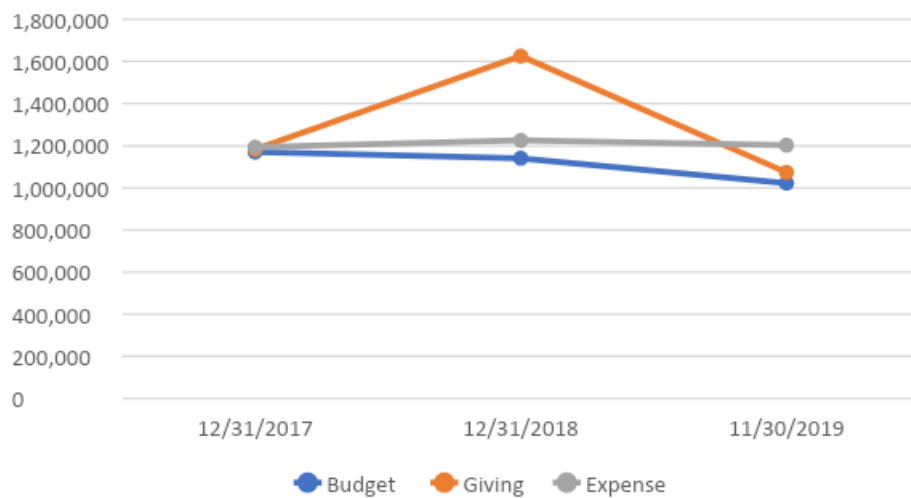
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## Directed Last 3 Months



## Year to date Last 3 Years



# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



**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, January 6, 7:00PM 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.

•**Wednesday, January 8, 7:00PM Executive Committee**--meeting in room 221. All unit officers and fellowship leaders are asked to mark your calendars and make plans to attend.

•**Thursday, January 9, 10:00AM Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship**—will meet in Davis Fellowship Hall. Roberta Damon, author of Dear Mrs. Noah, Letters to Unnamed Women of the Bible as well as several other books, will entertain us again with her stories. We welcome any women who are looking for a daytime fellowship. Call Martha Miles, 748-5476, for details.

•**Sunday, January 19 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/ Valentine gift bags for UMFS/good food and fellowship. The Jean Craig 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 2019, 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 29. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for more information.*



# MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

## In Memory of Ron Hargrave

Joseph C. Hillier, DDS and Susanne H. Hillier  
J. A. and Mary Pratt  
Lawrence and Margaret Burke  
Ivey and June Gilliam  
George and Darlene Emerson  
Donald and Willie Schmidt to Endowment Fund  
Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Henry, III to Endowment Fund  
Seeker's Sunday School Class  
Chester United Methodist Church Men's Club  
Robert Grefe and Cynthia Randall-Grefe  
Wayne and Virginia Virag  
Hunter Beazley and Martha Miles  
James and Pam Buyalos, Jr.  
Carol Chappell  
Barbara Goodwyngvh

## In Memory of Blanche Castelow

Wayne and Virginia Virag  
George and Darlene Emerson  
Seeker's Sunday School Class  
Linda Cooper to Stephens Ministry

# CHURCH FAMILY

## We Celebrate the Holy Baptism of

### *Wyatt Dean Stanley*

The 14-month-old son of Amanda Green and Lancelot J. Stanley. His proud 3-year-old brother is Joseph "Joey". Maternal grandparents are Charles and Cheryl Green. Paternal grandparents are Denise Stanley, and Lancelot and Barbara Stanley.

### *Virginia Maeve Smith*

Who was born May 6, 2019. The blessed first-time parents are Raymond Marian Smith and Hillary Crowder Smith. The proud grandparents are Harold Lee Crowder, Jr. and Mary Dunnavant Crowder (deceased) and Patrick Leonard Smith, Jr. and Elizabeth Dixon Smith (paternal).



# UNITED METHODIST MEN

## **UNITED METHODIST MEN NEWS: Turn Inside Out A Family Gathering**

The Chester men are launching a revised men's ministry focused on our church and community families. Rather than a monthly men's meeting (focused inside), we will sponsor a church-wide dinner meeting with special programming the first Wednesday of each month (focused outside). Please check the calendar below for specific dates. Prepare to feast on our signature dinner: Spaghetti w/wo Meatballs, garden salad, fresh hot bread, tea, lemonade and dessert.

OH MY, we forgot to mention, the meal is free! There will be buckets for a free-will contribution. Some folks cannot help themselves and will want to bring some food. If you are so inclined, a dessert is a great contribution.

In addition to the special programs listed below, a children's program will be held at the same time to allow parents to enjoy the featured program when will be announced in the bulletin.

### **Schedule**

January 8: 6:00 PM – Dinner ....Program at 7 with associated children's program  
February 5: Valentine's Day Dinner for Women of the Church  
March 4: 6:00 PM -- Dinner ....Program at 7 with associated children's program  
April 12: Easter Sunrise Pancake Breakfast  
May 6: 6:00 PM -- Dinner ....Program at 7 with associated children's program  
June 3: 6:00 PM -- Dinner ....Program at 7 with associated children's program

## **BIBLE STUDY GROUPS**

**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. *We will not meet on Saturday, January 4, 2020.* POC: Rev. Dr. Jim Davis

### **Join the Fresh Start Sunday School Class in Study, Fellowship and Service:**

- Beginning January 5 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. The Fresh Start Class meets every Sunday morning at 9:45 in room 221. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for more information.

**Winter Bible Study:** The "Experiencing God" study by Henry Blackaby will be our Winter work. We will start Monday, January 20 from 1:00-3:00PM at the Braxton Clubhouse. The workbook covers 13 weeks and we will do it in 2 seven week runs. The workbook cost is \$25 and this one book covers both sessions Your book will be available at the first session. Experiencing God is an in-depth study for the spiritually hungry. We live in a world where there are many forms of "rightness" thrown at us, but to be a discernible follower, we must be grounded in a personal experience with God. This study is aimed at teaching "the truth of God that can keep us on the right path to salvation. As stewards of God's teachings, may we be found faithful." (1 Cor. 4:1-2 para.) Please let me know if you will be attending the class. It takes a little longer to get books now that the Lifeway store is closed. You may have a friend who is interested - please bring them along. Everyone who is interested in learning how God wants us to live for Him is welcome.  
Margaret Burke -804-714-2353 marbudburke@comcast.net

# SPIRITUAL FORMATION

How many of your New Year's resolutions center around your relationship with God, Jesus Christ or The Holy Spirit? Resolutions tend to be focused on what we are going to do. Now that we have made our 2020 resolutions, should we focus again on what Christ has done for us? "How has God blessed me?", is an up close and personal question that might cause us to make early amendments to our resolutions for 2020.

What resolve are you focusing on this year for your personal DISCIPLESHIP pattern?

In addition to those resolutions what time and energy do you plan to invest in your soul care? "Soul care is important to all aspects of our health—mental, spiritual, emotional and even physical."

What about the soul care of others you love?

Are you closer to God this January than you were in January 2019?

For your prayer life, may I recommend "Ultimate Reliance" which Pastor Clara is sharing about in this Chimes issue. In fact, may I suggest that you resolve to study this book in one of the many groups offering it this January?

Prayers.

# FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

We are so blessed by those who purchased this highpoint of property for our church family and eventually they provided a steeple with bell. Since God is with us, may we listen to God as He prepares our congregation for our ministry in His future.

- What could our local church learn from Blockbuster about changing with the times, or die?
- How might the spider and its web instruct us regarding communication and facilities?
- When and how might we use the current facilities of Chester UMC to the maximum glory of God?
- What new initiatives need to be embraced? Should we offer a "dinner Church" service? Should we adopt a struggling congregation and function as one congregation in two sites?
- Are you aware of any problems at Chester UMC that need to be addressed?
- How are certain tasks being performed and are we understaffed or overstaffed?
- What purchase or improvement is needed to compliment our Lord's mission through Chester UMC?
- Will we be nimble, diverse, flexible, and successfully responsive to the needs of the coming days for Chester, VA and beyond?
- Since every generation needs to strengthen and brighten God's light and witness in their "here and now," how are we doing?
- God is with us, what is His plan for us????

Let us bind ourselves in prayer to know God's Will for us and the facilities we will need for His future.

# CUMC PRESCHOOL

CUMC Preschool had a food drive for the backpack ministry and it was very successful! The food will be used as additional food for the children receiving help from this ministry over the Christmas break. We love teaching the children about helping others and living the kind of life God wants us to live.



Our preschool was also awarded a grant from Fort Lee Area Spouse's Club in the amount of \$1,000.00 to purchase wooden blocks and a cubby to store them. Denise Stanley, one of our 4's teachers, put in a lot of work to make this happen. We are very blessed to be given this grant money to better our school for our current children and future ones.





# cumc kids corner



## **Faith On Fire: Performing & Visual Arts Program 2020**

\*\*Faith on Fire will not meet 12/29 or 1/5! Enjoy your winter break! Sign up for our winter 2020 programming!

**Faith on Fire: Performing/ Visual Arts Program** will begin again on Sunday, January 12 and will run for 11 weeks! We will be 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 12th grade 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](mailto:family@chesterumc.org)**

Please sign up for the arts pathway your child prefers by Sunday, January 5, so that teachers can prepare! We will also 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 3:30PM-5:00 PM. We have snacks, fellowship, games, and Bible study. Bring your Bible and a friend!

Hello Church!

Thank you for the many ways you participated in our Christmas Acts of Kindness Experiments during the season of advent! As we start this new decade, I encourage you to continue to seek out ways to spread kindness. In the new year, we will be studying a well-loved man that some of us may remember from our youth-Fred Rogers better known as Mr. Rogers. Mr. Rogers taught many valuable lessons to children and youth he was able to reach from his television series and by the example he set off screen. Grab your cardigans and plan to join us as we look at some lessons from Mr. Rogers! We have many exciting things coming up for our Children and Family Ministries. See below to save some dates and find ways you can be apart of building up the future of the church.

Many Blessings,  
Alina Roy  
Director of Children and Family Ministries

## **Upcoming Events!**

1/12 Faith on Fire: Performing and Visual Arts Program Starts

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

3/29 Faith on Fire Worship Showcase and Reception

**Save the Date for VBS 2020!** Monday, June 22- Friday, June 26, 2020; 9:00AM- 12:00PM Stay tuned for our registration information to go up!



# SENIOR CORNER

## Gray Wave Gathering

10:00 AM

February 1, 2020

Chester United Methodist Church

Davis Fellowship Hall

Gray Wave is an ecumenical ministry with people 50+ years. We are blessed with many neighbors in those categories in our Chester Community. Fraud is rampant in our area. The stories just go on and on. The fraudulent efforts run from deceptively asking for money for a false charitable cause to simply stealing credit card numbers. Text messages, email, and just the regular phone calls are all capable of being harnessed by evil folks who do not mean us any good. Social Media can cause an older person great trauma because someone simply wants to besmirch your reputation or value to family or community. Not only that, but your Social Security take home pay might have been reduced. Gray Wave will continue to gather, inform, share, care, and encourage you as we strengthen each other as we live through the gauntlet of trials and temptations that rain upon us in our world today. What issues would you suggest that Gray Wave can bring resources to deal with on your behalf? Contact Dr. Jim Davis at [dsf@chesterumc.org](mailto:dsf@chesterumc.org).

God is with us.

Happy New Year!

Prayers.

# THANK YOU'S

**Dear Church Family:** Whether you sent a card, made a meal, sent flowers, or gave us a hug or handshake, we saw you! Whether you prepared food for Ronnie's reception, worked in the kitchen, or just attended, we saw you! Ronnie would be in awe over the expressions of love that each of you has given to us on his behalf. The girls and I are humbled beyond belief. Thank you with all our hearts. With much love, Janis Hargrave, Jessica, and Bonnie.

**Dear Chester United Methodist:** I would just like to thank you for letting us hold our meetings in the church. The church is always so supportive of Scouting. We really appreciate the Scout Hut for storage and the parking lot for the trailer. I don't think we would have a better place we could meet, so I sincerely thank you. Brayden Green

**Dear Chester United Methodist Church:** We, Troop 2815, would like to thank you for letting us have productive meetings at the church. By providing the space, we have had an opportunity to learn about the outdoors and form a strong brotherhood. Once again, we would like to extend a special thank you. From Troop 2815, Benjamin Keeys, Connor Roach, Jacob Chartters, Joba Ojedirum.

**Dear Church Family:** A big thank-you to all who wrote Christmas cards to the veterans at McGuire Hospital. We delivered 211, 14 more than last year! The children's cards were beautifully decorated/colored. Thank you for remembering our veterans. Wishing you a blessed New Year!

# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

## January 1

Joyce Battle  
Amy Fleeman  
Jeanne Givens  
Barbara Rollins  
Bill Wisegarver  
James Woolard, Jr.

## January 2

Robert Martinko  
Griffin Winn

## January 3

Vicki Gaffney  
Gail King  
Sharon Larew  
Craig Seal  
T.R. Stone, Jr.  
Sophia Verghese

## January 4

Christina Chern  
John Dodd  
Lauren Hill  
Frank Smith

## January 5

Chelsea Buyalos  
Richard Campbell  
Bill Comer  
Isabel Jones

## January 6

Luke Carson  
Taylor Jernigan  
Caroline Johnson  
Liam Johnston  
Travis Miller  
Madeline Read  
Nina Whittleton

## January 7

John Degraba  
Bruce Koch  
Linda Lott

## January 8

Ashley Curtis  
Melissa Moore

## January 9

Donna Dennis  
Victoria Harrington  
Madison Lenz  
Madison Vaughan

## January 10

Patricia Bernas  
Wayne Haley  
Christopher Irving  
Matthew Johnson-  
Ebert  
Colin Kiebler  
Jack Kirwan  
Amelia Morgan  
Rebecca Murphy

## January 11

Cole Irving  
Russell Matthews  
Berend Sarver

## January 12

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Laura Davis  
Megan Davis  
Janean Trimble

## January 13

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Taylor Banty  
Nancy Baylor  
Jessica Gray  
Stephen Hetrick  
Anne Johnson  
Tamera Krukiel

## January 14

Lisa Anderson  
Rebecca Chitwood  
Delaney Coyner  
Fran Martin  
Pam Perdue  
Juanita Timmons  
Morgan Trimble  
Owen Trimble

## January 15

Taylor Bernas  
Catherine Rhea Grace  
Zoller

## January 16

Harold Boettcher  
Christopher Brummette  
Scott Byer  
Lila Farrell  
John Radford  
Jolyn Topping  
Sean Williams  
Darrin Zoller

## January 17

Bruce Cavey  
Katelyn DePhillip  
David Ferry  
Mallory Flores  
Monte Nagy, Jr.

## January 18

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Courtney Blevins  
Linda Pritchard

## January 19

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Connor Jacka  
Leia Verghese

## January 20

Kyong Lee  
Valerie McHugh  
Amelia Wisniewski

## January 21

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Tyler Moody  
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Glen Silvey  
Meaghan Watkins

## January 22

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Craig Wisniewski  
Ed Zaunick

## January 23

Michael Barker  
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Bobbi Eddy  
William Latimer III

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Jerit Norville  
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Bob Wood, Jr.

## January 25

Cathy Epps  
Tyler Marshall  
Robert Ridout  
Grayson Smith

## January 26

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Jeffrey Crampton  
Lynn Crump  
Christian Goodfellow  
Zak Goodwyn  
Sally Johnson  
Kaitlin Koch  
Ann Stuart  
Wendy Walker  
Alan Woodard

## January 27

Augustine Allen  
Sora Arpin  
Michelle Bryant  
Bailey Jacka  
Wendell Landis  
Robbie Partin  
Betsy Price  
Judy Thomas

## January 28

Joey Avery  
Clinton Davis  
Alan Schlottman

## January 29

George Bryant III  
Jason Deckert  
Noah Hughes  
Kriston Seward  
Charles Sibley, Jr.

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George Fisher  
David Miles  
Jean Morrison  
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