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Chester United Methodist Church



Fresh Start Contemporary Worship returns in-person on **Sunday, May 2, at 8:30 AM** in Davis Fellowship Hall! Join us for this casual worship experience led by the Fresh Start Worship Band with worshippers seated at tables. *(Due to COVID restrictions, we are unable to offer coffee and donuts at this time.)*

We continue to offer **Traditional Worship** in-person at 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary. Our **virtual worship** service will continue to broadcast at 10:00 AM on Facebook and YouTube.

THIS JUST IN! We are ALLOWED TO SING during in-person worship! More info on page 2 in Music Notes.

You do not need to complete a health form or RSVP to attend in-person worship. Simply check in with our greeters at the door, answer a few simple health questions, and our ushers will help you find a seat.

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CLARA'S CONTEMPLATIONS

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love."

1 John 4:7-8

Recently, I heard a quote about love. "Love is not an emotion. Love is a decision." (M. Scott Peck). According to Google's dictionary, emotion is "a natural instinctive state of mind deriving from one's circumstances, mood, or relationships with others." With this definition, I will instinctively know whether I will love or dislike someone or something. I love chocolate. I dislike cooked carrots. I love playing in my backyard. I dislike running. I love my husband and children. It would be rude if I named who I disliked! (Yes, I'm human!)

If I take M. Scott Peck's words about love being a decision and not an emotion, then I have chosen to love chocolate, playing in my backyard, and my family. And I have chosen to dislike cooked carrots, running, and some people. What if I chose to love these things/people instead? In his book, *The Expression of the Emotions in Man and Animals*, Charles Darwin suggests that "emotions were behavioral traits that evolved." (Wikipedia). Can my love evolve (change) or grow? Could my instinct to dislike or to be wary, particularly of other people, be overcome by a decision to love?

Yes! "Love is a decision." 1 John 4: 20 goes on to say "Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen." Ouch. But, doesn't John know that it's hard to love someone who has hurt you or said bad things about you or abandoned you?

"Love is a decision." God chose to love us when we turned away from God. If I want to be in God, I must choose to love - even those who I might not like - for this is the way of God!

"Love is a decision." My prayer for Chester UMC, indeed for The United Methodist Church, is that we all will choose to love. Don't allow the hurts that are very present in our church and denomination overpower us so that we choose not to love to one another. That is counter to God's desire for us. God calls us to be together to share in God's love.

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love." 1 John 4:7-8

Still in One Peace,
Clara



MUSIC MINISTRY

Praise in the Parking Lot continues to be a blessing as a time of worship! Join us on **Thursday, May 6, and Thursday, May 20, at 5:30 PM** as we gather for singing, scripture, and prayer. If you are unable to join us in person, be sure to tune in on Facebook Live! We give thanks for all the faithful volunteers who help make this service possible! We offer this service on the first and third Thursdays of each month.



WE CAN SING! This just in! We are now allowed to sing during in-person worship! While masked and socially distanced, fully vaccinated folks are encouraged to lift their voices in song! Based on information from the CDC regarding the effectiveness of vaccines, the Virginia Annual Conference is now allowing five minutes of singing during in-person worship.

This is WONDERFUL news! Praise God from whom all blesSINGS flow!



CHAD'S CHALLENGES

"Do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully." 2 Timothy 4:5

I give thanks to God for our church's missions in the community. We are a generous church, sharing our wealth beyond the tithe. We provide food, financial assistance, and other forms of support for the poor and others in need, in Jesus' name.

Methodists excel at such missions, perhaps because we take seriously John Wesley's reminder that God has called us to be generous and to do works of mercy.

Yet, I think evangelism is a growth area for Methodists and for Chester UMC. While works of mercy are surely part of evangelism, in the broad sense of being Christ's witnesses, what I mean here is evangelism as sharing our faith in words with others.

In the history of Methodism, there was a strong emphasis on telling others about one's experience of God. Verbal witness was a practice both in the church and out in the community.

- How might we at CUMC resurrect this practice of sharing verbally our faith in Jesus?
- How can you grow in telling others about your experiences of God?
- If you do not regularly share your experiences of God or give verbal witness, why not?
- Do you lack confidence in your experience of God?
- Do you have a fear of speaking about your personal faith and experiences?
- Do you fear persecution or rejection?
- Has the image of a fundamentalist turned you off to evangelism?
- If you do not give verbal witness to your faith in Christ, then how might you develop this faith practice?
- How might we encourage one another to do the work of evangelists?

Verbal witness becomes easier when we work through those kinds of questions about our fears and doubts in conversations with pastors, lay leaders, small groups, and other Christian friends. You have a call from God to share your faith verbally with others. This call has to be believed in your heart. Accepting this call comes when you realize that God just wants you to share your story of the way you have experienced God's love. You come to want others to experience God's grace and love. Sometimes your neighbor's first step toward Jesus comes by hearing your story.

God has called every Christian to be an evangelist. So "do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully."

Chad Thomas Beck
Associate Pastor



GRADUATE RECOGNITION

On Sunday, June 13, we will recognize all of our 2021 graduates! Whether you are graduating from high school, college, trade school, secondary education—any sort of graduation—we want to celebrate with you! Please let the Church Office (cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org) know so we can include you in our celebration. Be sure to attend in-person worship on Sunday, June 13, as we pray a blessing over you and honor your achievements!



HIGH SCHOOL GRADS—Send us a short video! Introduce yourself, tell us where you are graduating from, and what your next steps are upon graduation. You can even share briefly about how God is working in your life! Please submit your videos (via text, email, or through Facebook Messenger) to Joshua Wortham (music@chesterumc.org) by June 6.

CHURCH FAMILY—We need your help! We want you to write notes of encouragement to our high school graduates. Let them know you are praying for them, share your favorite scripture, or another word of hope that has sustained you on life's journey. Please write 10 copies of the note and place them in the labeled box in the Sharing Bin (near the Welcome Center/Atrium entrance). Submit them by May 31 so we can include them in the Bibles we are

CUMC IS HOSTING A VACCINATION CLINIC!

by Eric Houglund, Chair of Missions

You never know how, or when, God will call upon us as individuals, or we as a church body, to answer a call for serving others. It is important for us to be ready to answer the call “. . . to serve one another in love” (Gal 5:13) when the opportunity presents itself. The COVID-19 pandemic has not been easy to endure for us as individuals, a community, or a church body. But, as more vaccinations are administered and cases trend downward, there is reason for optimism that we will pull through this pandemic.

CUMC was presented with an opportunity to assist in the effort to curb the pandemic in our community. Through communication with the Chesterfield Health Department, the opportunity to host a vaccination clinic has become a reality. Our church building will serve as a weekly vaccination clinic site beginning on Tuesday, May 4.

Although vaccination opportunities are available through several channels, the underserved and vulnerable populations in our community continue to be behind typical vaccination rates. The clinic being held at CUMC will target underserved and vulnerable people in our community. Although these communities are being targeted, members of CUMC and the community at large are welcome to receive a vaccination during clinic operations.

The clinics will be held on Tuesdays between 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM beginning May 4. The initial plan is to operate the clinic for 6 weeks, but the schedule could be shortened or lengthened depending on demand. Advanced registration will be encouraged, but walk ups will be welcome. Transportation will be provided for those who need it with volunteers driving the church van.

Please pre-register at: www.tinyurl.com/RegisterChester. Share this information with any and all members of the community. Fliers are available in English and Spanish in the Church Office. **Contact the Church Office if you or someone you know needs transportation.**

CARDS FOR VETERANS FOR MEMORIAL DAY

I am so thankful to all of you who are writing to our veterans each time I put out a request for cards. Your response is heartwarming. Memorial Day is coming on May 31. Here's another opportunity to communicate to the veterans at McGuire's Hospital. You can lift the hearts and spirits of those who served our country by writing a card(s) of thanks or making cards. Just put the cards inside the Sharing Bin at church outside the Atrium. A special container is inside marked "Cards for Veterans". ***Due date is Sunday, May 23.***

Here are suggestions you might say in the cards to let a vet know that you're praying for him/her, that you remember and appreciate their sacrifices and service to our country, and Get Well Soon.

- * Include a Bible verse that you find comforting.
- * I am celebrating you on Memorial Day for your courage, sacrifice, and commitment to our country. You are an inspiration to so many. OR You are an inspiration to me.
- * Thank you for serving our country.
- * Please accept this special "Thank you" for your willingness to serve our country--and what it cost you.
- * Thank you for protecting the freedoms I enjoy!
- * Please remember that I support you and am holding you in my heart and prayers.
- * May God bless and keep you safe.

You may address the envelopes with phrases like "To Someone Special," "To a Special Veteran," "To a Hero," "To a Dear Veteran," etc. The above are just ideas to get you going. Please DO NOT seal the envelopes and sign only your first name. Thanks so much. POC Barbara MacIntyre, 748-0775.

PARISH NURSE CINDY WEBB RETURNS!

Did you know that CUMC has a Parish Nurse? Her name is Cindy Webb, and she is vaccinated and back in action! Cindy is a registered nurse with almost 40 years experience in all types of nursing. She is available Sundays from **9:15 -10:45 AM** in Room 111, across from the Church Office. Cindy is also available by appointment during the week. Call Cindy (804.748.5314) or the Church Office to arrange a time to meet. Voice messages will be returned ASAP.

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!



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.”

- The **Jean Craig Fellowship** will meet on Monday, May 3, 7:00 PM in Davis Fellowship Hall. We’ll work on Kits for Conference. Enter through the Atrium doors. We will wear masks and be socially distanced. Call Susan for details.

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



United
Methodist
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

GETTING TO KNOW OUR STEPHEN MINISTERS

You might not notice the small things she does: like taking charge of the greeters for the 8:30 service, opening a door for you after church, giving you a smile as you enter the Sanctuary, even picking up a piece of trash from the sidewalk. Ginger Chadwick says she likes to stay in the background, to go unnoticed. But you can't help notice all that she does at CUMC, including being a Stephen Minister since 2006. She may be quiet, but Ginger has served at church in almost every capacity in the 50 years she and Wayne have lived in Chester.

Ginger and Wayne have 3 grown children and four grandchildren. Her passions include gardening and doing work in her yard. For 20 years she also ushered at the Altria and Dominion theaters. But the center of her life has always been at church. She has chaired the Administrative Council, been its' secretary for 10 years, served as a Trustee, and has also served on the Finance Committee for 12 years. All this in addition to being a Stephen Minister for 15 years! She is modest about being a Stephen Minister, but this service requires so much time, compassion, listening skills, faith, and of course, confidentiality. She embodies all the qualities that a Stephen Minister must have to be the hands and feet of Jesus, and we are so lucky to have her on our team.

A colorful, abstract background with brushstrokes in shades of blue, red, orange, and yellow. The text is written in a white, hand-painted font. The main title is "paint night @ Chester UMC". Below it, in smaller text, is "*In-person*". The date and time are "Saturday May 8th 2021 6:00pm-7:00pm". At the bottom, it says "for more info & to sign up bit.ly/CUMCPAINT".

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TIRED OF THE COUNTY LIBRARY?

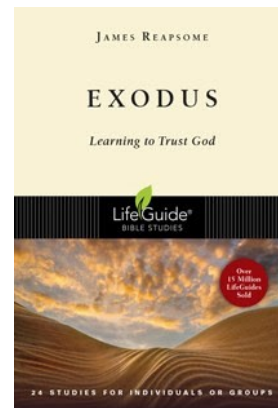
Remember Chester United Methodist Church has over 4500 books and resources for members to grow their faith. During Covid, be sure to check out adult and children's books, or small group activities that will keep your family rooted in God. Visit the CUMC library from your home at <https://16538.rmwebopac.com> Password is CUMC.

If you have questions about the library, please contact Ron Dombrowski at rmachachi@aol.com.

THE SEEKERS MEET AGAIN

You're invited to join us Sunday mornings starting May 2, at 10:00 AM to study the book of EXODUS with the Seekers Sunday School Class. Our study resumes with Lesson 18, chapters 29:38-31:18. Meet in room 226, above the choir room. We are required to wear our masks and stay socially distant. Let me know you're coming! The point of contact is Barbara MacIntyre (elluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

EXODUS—Learning to Trust God
LifeGuide Bible Studies
by James W. Reapsome



FRESH START SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

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

Good News! We have been offered the opportunity to meet again as a class within the current state and UMC Healthy Church Guidelines. Please join us on **Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM** in Room 205 (the old Wesley Seminar Class across from the church library). The room is large enough for us to sit "socially distanced." Please wear a mask.

New York Times Bestseller

What Is the Bible?

How an Ancient Library of Poems, Letters, and Stories Can Transform the Way You Think and Feel About Everything

Rob Bell

New York Times Bestselling Author of *Love Wins*

We will continue the study of **What is the Bible by Rob Bell**—How an Ancient Library of Poems, Letters, and Stories Can Transform the Way You Think and Feel about Everything. Rob Bell, the beloved author of *Love Wins* and *What We Talk About When We Talk About God*, goes deep into the Bible to show how it is more revelatory, revolutionary, and relevant than we ever imagined—and offers a cogent argument for why we need to look at it in a fresh, new way.

Rob addresses the concerns of all those who see the Bible as God's Word but are troubled by the ethical dilemmas, errors, and inconsistencies in Scripture. Books are \$10. **Please RSVP to Susan** and let us know if you plan to attend. If you're not ready to attend in person but would like a book, please let Susan know that, as well.

The Fresh Start Class welcomes visitors and new members. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for more information.

HOSPITALITY AND INTERCULTURAL RELATIONSHIPS SMALL GROUP

Leader/Facilitator: Associate Pastor Chad Beck, chadbeck@chesterumc.org, 434-907-7202 (text/call)

Hybrid Format: Options for in-person (room 226) and/or virtual (via Google Meet)

Time/Date: *Tuesdays at 7:00 PM*, for about 10 weeks, starting *April 20*.

Books: Holy Bible and *Intercultural Church: A Biblical Vision for an Age of Migration* by Safwat Marzouk (\$19 paperback or \$15 e-book, financial assistance available).

Intercultural Church

A Biblical Vision for an Age of Migration



KIDS CORNER



VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Virtual Sunday School is updated weekly! Contact Alina at family@chesterumc.org to become a part of the distribution list.



Children's PK-5th Grade
In-Person Sunday School
Returns

MAY 9TH

9:30AM
Room 210 (Upstairs)



PRAY MAY '21

SATURDAY

Did you know that you can talk to God anywhere? This month, try to pray from as many places mentioned in the calendar as possible. Which of these places do you think you will enjoy the most?

1 Watch the sunrise & pray.



8 Pray in your backyard.



15 Pray by a lake, ocean, river, or stream.



22 Pray while sitting on a tree branch.



29 Pray in a restaurant.

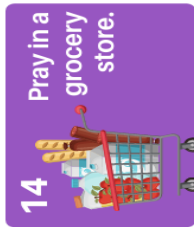


FRIDAY

7 Pray on the top of a mountain or a hill.



14 Pray in a grocery store.



21 Pray underneath the stars.



28 Pray at a cemetery.




THURSDAY

6 Pray by the window.



13 Pray in the library.



20 Pray while lying on the grass.



27 Pray at a car wash.



WEDNESDAY

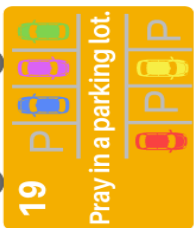
5 Pray in the park.



12 Pray on the school bus.



19 Pray in a parking lot.



26 Pray at the foot of a mountain or a hill.

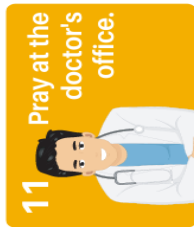


TUESDAY

4 Pray on the playground.



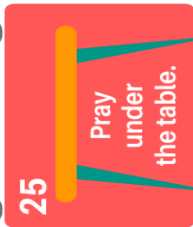
11 Pray at the doctor's office.



18 Pray in the car.

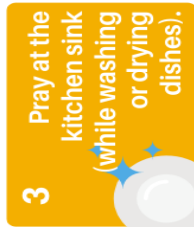


25 Pray under the table.

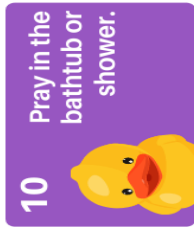


MONDAY

3 Pray at the kitchen sink (while washing or drying dishes).



10 Pray in the bathtub or shower.



17 Pray in the rain.



24 Pray in a tent.



SUNDAY

2 Gather around the fire for s'mores, stories, & prayers.



9 Pray while kayaking.



16 Pray at church.



23 Pray while walking.



31 Pray in your bed.



30 Pray while riding your bike.



PRAY. ALWAYS, EVERYWHERE, ABOUT EVERYTHING.



SAMARITAN SERVICE PROJECT

Chester UMC's Youth Program is looking for opportunities to give back to our church family and community.

We are looking to do things like lawn care or home care.

Contact Alina if you are interested in volunteering with our Samaritan Service Project with us or receiving volunteer services.

SAMARITAN SERVICE PROJECT

Do you (or someone you know) need help with yard work or home care? Do you want to help serve as a youth or adult volunteer? Contact Alina Roy (family@chesterumc.org).

As part of our Samaritan Service Project, our Chester UMC Youth Group was able to go help out one of our parishioners with yard clean up after the ice storms we had. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve and look forward to doing more projects!

REST STOP YOUTH MINISTRY



Rest Stop is a youth ministry program that is primarily focused on community building for youth in grades 9-12. This is a program that specifically targets and assists youth who are struggling to obtain a quality education due to circumstances such as food insecurity, unstable housing situations, poverty, and many other extraordinary issues. Rest Stop is designed to build community, foster new relationships, and minister to these young people in ways that will allow their God-given identities to shine out in the world.

How can you help?

-Food Preparation: Sometimes, the only meals that these kids are guaranteed are the ones that we serve to them during Rest Stop gatherings. Preparing meals for them every week is not only necessary - it's essential. It would be a great help for us if those who are gifted in the sacred art of cooking would be willing to share their gifts with us and our young people!

-Transportation: Because this is an after-school program, we transport the youth to the Annex and back to their homes. It would help us tremendously to have people who are willing to drive these young people home after our gatherings conclude. If you're not able to drive but would be willing to assist our transportation needs in other ways, monetary donations are more than welcome! We're planning to use the church van and our own personal vehicles, so we're bound to accumulate lots of gas mileage. Any way that you are willing to help is okay with us!

All the Rest Stop youth we are currently serving are on track somewhat to graduate this year! (Praise God!) That being said, we are in need of some individuals with skills like resume building, college applications, or wisdom and knowledge about other post-high school opportunities (like trade school) to ensure continued success after graduation. If this is an area in which you could be a resource, we could really use your help to make sure our youth have a plan on this next step on their journey.

We are primarily accepting monetary and food donations for the continuation of this essential ministry! If you'd like to assist with monetary or food donations, please feel free to reach out to me (family@chesterumc.org) and I'll be sure to get in touch with you! *(Please make checks payable to Chester UMC, Memo: Rest Stop.)*

PRESCHOOL NEWS

The preschool continues to teach our 20 children about God's love for them. We have made it to the last month of the school year with everyone staying healthy...Praise God. We want to thank you all for your prayers and support during this difficult school year. We have made plans for a zoo field trip and are working on what our graduation will look like this year.



We are also excited to announce we have added a Kindergarten class for the 2021-2022 school year. We are currently accepting enrollments for the 2021-2022 school year. We plan on having 3's, 4's, JK, and Kindergarten. So, if you know of anyone looking for a preschool/kindergarten, please send them to CUMCPS to contact Jen.

Finally, CUMCPS is looking for a certified teacher to teach our Kindergarten class. Interested parties can contact Jen. Jen's contact information: preschool@chesterumc.org or (804) 748-2275. Preschool website: www.chesterumcps.org.

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

The James River District is celebrating Rev. Sylvia Meadows and her many years of ministry in the Virginia Annual Conference. Sylvia is planning to retire at the end of June and continue in coaching and spiritual direction. We invite you to send cards, letters, photos, or other remembrances of how her ministry has touched your life. These expressions will be compiled into a memory book. Please send to:

Rev. Sylvia Meadows
James River District
P.O. Box 3413
Petersburg, VA 23805
ATTN: CELEBRATION

Or, send letters and/or photos to Rev. Mary Dadisman (marydadisman@vaumc.org). Emails will be printed on something pretty for inclusion in the memory book. ***The deadline to be included in the memory book is May 20.***

BEDSHEET COLLECTION DRIVE

In honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the Chesterfield Domestic and Sexual Violence Resource Center (DSVRC) has launched a Bedsheet Collection Drive, in support of Chesterfield County sexual assault survivors. The Chesterfield DSVRC collects donations of unopened packaged bedsheets, to be given to sexual assault survivors when bedding is taken or processed as evidence during a criminal investigation. In partnership with the Chesterfield Police Department, bedsheet packages will be provided to survivors 'on-scene' by forensic technicians. Labels stating "Donated by a member of your community" will be affixed to the packages, which include a summary of DSVRC services and contact information. This collaborative method of outreach to sexual assault survivors discreetly provides awareness of the DSVRC's no-cost, confidential services, while allowing survivors to access services when ready.

As sexual violence occurs year-round, so will this initiative. The DSVRC will permanently accept these donations, with hopes of continuously providing this service to our community. Donations should be in new, unopened packages, in sizes twin, queen or king, and should consist of neutral colors. Monetary donations are also accepted, and will be used to periodically replenish the sizes most often used.

Donations may be placed in the Sharing Bin in the drop-off lane outside the CUMC Welcome Center.

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY
DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE
RESOURCE CENTER

supporting
OUR COMMUNITY

The Chesterfield DSVRC collects new, unopened packages of bedsheets, discreetly provided to sexual assault survivors, in partnership with the Chesterfield Police Department

- **SIZES: TWIN, QUEEN & KING**
- **NEUTRAL COLORS**
- **NEW, UNOPENED PACKAGES**

For questions or to donate, please contact
Lindsay G. Cassada
804 318-8265
cassadal@chesterfield.gov
www.chesterfield.gov/dsvrc

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Planned Giving: “Get Smart”

by Bryon and Josefa Wall

On Sunday, April 11, in the Sanctuary and online, we heard Dr. Ed Garrett’s sermon challenging us to “Get Smart.” Dr. Garrett’s message was very timely as we, your stewardship co-chairs, would like to ask everyone to “Get Smart” as faithful stewards by including Chester UMC in your estate plans.



What is estate planning? Estate planning is a key component of financial planning and helps you determine what happens to your earthly possessions when you no longer need them or should you become incapacitated. Having such a plan demonstrates your being a responsible steward of the gifts God has given to and multiplied for you. Estate planning tools include wills, trusts, retirement accounts, and life insurance. For the next several months, we will highlight resources and ideas to help each of us build a better understanding of how faithful stewardship can be demonstrated in our estate plans. One such resource is the compilation of online brochures found on the UMC Discipleship Ministries website (<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/planned-giving-brochures>). These brochures are very informative and easy to understand. If you wish to talk with someone about your planned giving, please email Pastor Clara (claragestwick@chesterumc.org) or Pastor Chad (chadbeck@chesterumc.org). Peace be with you.



THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Chester UMC,

A big thank-you to all of you who have been writing to our veterans at McGuire Hospital each time I put out a request for cards. Your beautiful cards and thoughtful notes are much appreciated. Ms. Kristy Rene Coie-Day, Chief of Voluntary Service wrote in her letter:

"On behalf of the McGuire VA Medical Center patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of Easter cards [79] for our hospitalized Veterans. It is through the efforts of community partners like you that allow us to continue the quality care and services that we seek to provide our deserving Veterans. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you again for future events. Thank you for your continued support."

Next we'll be collecting cards for Memorial Day.

~Barbara MacIntyre

Dear Chester UMC,

Thank you for your generous contributions toward our 100 health kits for those in need. We are well on our way to meeting our goal. If you have not yet made a contribution call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for more information.

2021 BLOOD DRIVES—SAVE THE DATES!

Wednesdays, 11:00 AM—4:00 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall

May 19, 2021

June 30, 2021

The need is great! Book your appointment today at

www.redcrossblood.org.

During our April 7 blood drive, 28 donors registered, 26 units were collected, and there were 3 first-time donors!

Donations from the April blood drive are helping to save lives at Sentara Norfolk General, Sentara Princess Anne Hospital, Mary Washington Hospital, Community Memorial Hospital, and Memorial Regional Medical Center.



FREE HAND SANITIZER

We received a large supply of free hand sanitizer from the Virginia Department of Health! Drop by the Sharing Bin, grab a few bottles for yourself, and take some to share with friends and neighbors. We will continue to restock the supply until all bottles have been distributed.



CUMC STAFF

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Director of Children and Youth Ministries	Alina Roy: family@chesterumc.org
Preschool Director.....	Jen Barnes: preschool@chesterumc.org
Office Manager.....	Terry Wisegarver: cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org
Financial Specialist.....	Julie Jones: finance@chesterumc.org

May Birthdays

May 1

Janet Bradley
David Davis
Timothy Ellis
Clara Gestwick
Regan Miller
Thomas Moody
Joseph Spadaccia
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