

WE WILL HONOR OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

Anita Stewart Keen

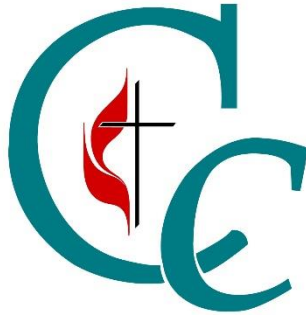
October 1, 1929–October 18, 2020

The daughters of Anita Keen are hosting a visitation on **Thursday, July 29**, from 1:00 –3:00 PM at J.T. Morris & Son Funeral Home (3050 W. Hundred RD, Chester) to remember and celebrate our dear Anita.

Gerald [Gerry] Mowery Miller

March 3, 1935–May 2, 2020

We will celebrate Gerry's life at **10:00 AM on Saturday, July 31**, at Chester UMC. Gerry's wife, Chris, and the family invite you to a reception in Davis Fellowship Hall following the service.



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Chester United Methodist Church

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FRESH START SERVICE

July 11, 2021—8:30 AM



Please sign the red attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor.

WORSHIP MUSIC

Glory to God Forever
Love the Lord Your God
I Will Follow
Mighty to Save

SPECIAL MUSIC

“This is Me”
Laura Morris

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:25-37 (CEB)

MESSAGE

“I’m an Inn Keeper”
Rev. Nathan Decker

July 11, 2021

A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

7th Sunday
after Pentecost

Please sign the red attendance pad, register for activities, and pass it to your neighbor.

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Our Neighbor

Chimes

Prelude

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Organist

* Call to Worship

Leader: The world cries to us in its distress. How shall we answer?

People: We cannot pass by as though nothing is wrong.

Leader: How shall we answer?

People: We cannot become so focused on ourselves that others mean nothing to us.

Leader: How shall we answer?

People: We shall be the neighbor in service, reconciliation, and compassion wherever we can. In Jesus' Holy Name. AMEN.

* Hymn No. 568

Christ for the Word We Sing

* Prayer for Inclusion

Lord of all creation: we come broken and beaten, divided and derided, overcome and outcast. We are your children, not a nation or a tribe, but a church; not a skin tone or a color, but a people; not an orientation, but one of your beloved; not handicapped or limited, but equipped and ready to serve for you Kingdom's way. Lead us to live as you love. Create a hunger in each of us to care for every one of us. And we will reflect Christ's smile to all the world in his very Name. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

This is Me

Laura Morris

- * Doxology
 - Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**
 - Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!**
 - Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**
 - Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**
 - Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Hymn No. 408

Gift of Love

Scripture Reading

Luke 10:25-37

CEB

Message

“I’m an Inn Keeper”

Pastor Nathan

- * Hymn *We Are Called* See insert.
- * Benediction
- * Choral Amen

* *Please stand as you are able.* **Bold print indicates a response in unison.**

Hearing Assistance Devices, Large Print Hymnals, and Braille Hymn Sheets are available for use in the Sanctuary. Please ask an usher.

Sunday Worship Schedule:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>	<u>PREACHER</u>
July 18	<i>The God Who Lives in a Tent</i>	2 Samuel 7:1-11a	Pastor Nathan
July 25	<i>Drink Deep of the Water of Life</i>	John 4:3-15	Pastor Chad
August 1	<i>Learning to be Hungry</i>	Exodus 16:2-15	Pastor Nathan
August 8	<i>Learning to Share</i>	1 Corinthians 11:17-26	Pastor Nathan

CALENDAR
July 11-18, 2021

Office Hours: Mon.–Thurs., 8:30 AM–2:30 PM

Today:	8:30 AM	Fresh Start Worship-DFH	Wed.:	1:30 PM	Prayer Shawl-Offsite
	9:45 AM	Sunday School		7:00 PM	Trustees –Annex
	11:00 AM	Traditions Service-Sanc.	Thurs.:	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir–Music Suite
	12:00 PM	Ice Cream Social–Lawn	Fri.:	10:30 AM	Feed More–Greenleigh
	4:00 PM	MS/HS Youth–Annex Loft	Sat.:		
	6:00 PM	Joy Unspeakable–226 Hybrid	Next Sunday:	July 18, 2021	
Mon.:	3:00 PM	Staff Mtg–226		8:30 AM	Fresh Start Worship-DFH
	4:00 PM	PRG Team–226		9:45 AM	Sunday School
	6:30 PM	Cub/Boy Scouts		11:00 AM	Traditions Service-Sanc.
Tues.					

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Contemporary Worship

Davis Fellowship Hall
8:30 AM

Virtual Worship

Facebook & YouTube
10:00 AM

Traditional Worship

Sanctuary
11:00 AM

Worship By Phone

804-768-9594
Anytime

CHESTER UMC ONLINE RESOURCES

- **Website:** www.chesterumc.org.
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/ChesterUnitedMethodistChurch/>.
- **Facebook Closed Group:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChesterUMC/>.
- **Daily Email News:** Visit <http://eepurl.com/blV9TV> to subscribe.
- **Daily Devotionals from Pastor Nathan:** <https://www.facebook.com/BetterTogether.Devos/>.
- **YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/c/ChesterUMC>.
- **Prayer Chain Email:** to subscribe or to submit a prayer request, email Terry at cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org with “Prayer Chain” or “Prayer Request” in the subject line.
- **CUMC Library Catalog:** <https://16538.rmwebopac.com> (password: CUMC). Search for titles, peruse our inventory, and much more. POC: Ron Dombrowski (rmachachi@aol.com).
- **The Chimes**, monthly newsletter: Submit items to communication@chesterumc.org by the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

*We are truly blessed if you are a guest who has chosen to worship with us today!
First-time guests are invited to pick up a blue Welcome Bag from the Atrium or
Narthex. Thank you for celebrating the Lord with us today!*

We Welcome Rev. Nathan Decker & Family: Noon TODAY on the Parsonage lawn. Join us for an ice cream social, and let's give Pastor Nathan, Stephanie, Elijah (age 16), and Ethan (age 13) a radical Chester welcome! We may even have a sighting of their two dogs, Diego (age 14) and Cookie (age 4).

Wear Your Nametags to help Pastor Nathan and his family learn your names. Need a nametag? Contact Terry (cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org), indicate how you want your name to appear on the tag, and drop a check in the offering plate (\$10 per nametag, payable to CUMC, Memo: Nametag).

Middle & High School Youth Gathering: 4:00 PM TODAY at the Annex Loft. Pastor Nathan and his 2 sons will be joining us for ICE CREAM and GAMES! RSVP @ <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f45a9ab2eabfb6-icecream1>. POCs: Jennifer Brame (jrbrooksiee@gmail.com), Jeff Geisz, and Gordon Morris.

Chancel Choir Rehearsals Resume! Thursdays, at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Singers of all skill levels, ages 9th grade to 99 years old are encouraged to join us. POC: Joshua Wortham (music@chesterumc.org)

Food Distribution in Greenleigh Community: Friday, July 16, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM. This is made possible through a partnership with the Chester YMCA, Feed More, and Chester UMC. Please be in prayer for this vital ministry as we provide nourishment and build relationships with our neighbors!

CUMC Preschool Registration is underway for the 2021-2022 school year for 3's, 4's, and PK/JK. Registration packets are available in the Sharing Bin beside the rear parking lot drive-through POC: Jen Barnes (preschool@chesterumc.org/ 804.748.2275).

Making Plans for VBS 2021: The COVID pandemic has slowed our preparations to host Vacation Bible School, but we shall prevail. Watch for more details regarding what this may look like this summer.

KEEP IN PRAYER: Kate Kelley Ewalt; Beth Stewart; family of Margery Mitchel (mother of Mari Hayes); Finlee Crowder (grandson of Harold Crowder); family of Norman Trimble (uncle of Pastor Nathan Decker); Ruby Bishop.

Our Presence July 4, 2020

Online.....	25
Fresh Start	85
Traditions	111
Total Worship Attendance.....	221

New Address: Rev. Dr. Jim and Karen Davis have moved to Mississippi. Please pray for them as they settle into a new community.

10485 W Landon Green Circle
Gulfport, MS 39503

Parish Nurse Visit Cindy Webb, our Parish Nurse, on Sundays from 8:15-10:45AM in room 111. She can do blood pressure checks and answer questions about your medications. If you are diabetic and symptomatic, she can check your blood sugar. Glucose tablets are available. She is prepared for First Aid and CPR certified. All information given and visits with our Parish Nurse are confidential. Nurse Cindy is looking forward to seeing you!

CUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to thrive as our lovely ladies gather each week to knit and crochet beautiful shawls. Each shawl is made with love and covered in prayer. If you know someone who needs to be wrapped in prayer, stop by the Church Office during the week and we will send you out with a shawl to share. We record the name/date of the prayer shawl receiver so we can celebrate our outreach.

CUMC Food Pantry always welcomes your donations and contributions. We especially need canned Spam, salmon, tuna, chicken, and 1 lb. canned hams; canned chili; canned soups (all varieties); juices (all varieties); canned fruit (all varieties) Ramen noodles; cereal and instant oatmeal; toothbrushes & toothpaste; and toilet tissue. Thank you for your faithful support of this vital outreach!

United Methodist Women: POC: Susan Petrey (938-5396)

- The **Jean Craig Fellowship** will meet on Monday, August 2, 7:00 PM at church, Room 226. We will sort supplies and pack school kits.

We welcome any women who are looking for an evening circle. Call Susan Petrey for details.

Small Groups & Sunday School Classes

ROAD (*Reaching Out Across Darkness*) Crew Walking Group

Will resume in September.

POC: Natalie Galarza (familygalarza05@gmail.com)

Fresh Start Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Room 205

POC: Susan Petrey (susanmpetrey@gmail.com)

Journey Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Davis Fellowship Hall and Google Meet (*hybrid class*)

POC: Lisa Anderson (Lpanderson5@gmail.com)

Seekers Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Room 226

POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

Senior Singles Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Parlor

POC: Cynthia Corley (cacorley@ctsi.net)

Joy Unspeakable Small Group

6:30 PM, Room 226

POC: Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

WEDNESDAY Virtual Study Group will resume on September 8: **Who Will Be A Witness:
Igniting Activism for God's Justice, Love, and Deliverance**

12:00 PM, Google Meet (*virtual*)

POC: Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

LOOKING AHEAD

August 11: Red Cross Blood Drive at CUMC; 11:00 AM–4:00 PM

August 1–September 5: CUMC School Supply Drive

Backpack Ministry paused until September 2021

September 12: Fall Kickoff AND Church Picnic

We Are Called



1. Come! Live in the light! _____ Shine with the
 2. Come! O - pen your heart! _____ Show your
 3. Sing! Sing a new song! _____ Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called _____ to be
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called _____ to be
 great day when all will be one! God will reign, _____ and we'll



light for the king - dom, to live in the free - dom of the
 hope for the hope - less so all ha - tred and blind - ness will
 walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and broth - ers u -

Refrain



cit - y of God! _____
 be no more! _____ We are called to act with
 nit - ed in love! _____



jus - tice, _____ we are called to love ten - der - ly, _____



— we are called to serve one an - oth - er, _____ to



walk hum - bly with God! _____

WORDS: David Haas (Mic. 6:8)
 MUSIC: David Haas

WE ARE CALLED
 Irregular with Refrain

THIS IS ME

I am not a stranger to the dark
Hide away, they say
'Cause we don't want your broken parts
I've learned to be ashamed of all my scars
Run away, they say
No one'll love you as you are
But I won't let them break me down to dust
I know that there's a place for us
For we are glorious

When the sharpest words wanna cut me down
I'm gonna send a flood, gonna drown 'em out
I am brave, I am bruised
I am who I'm meant to be, this is me
Look out 'cause here I come
And I'm marching on to the beat I drum
I'm not scared to be seen
I make no apologies, this is me

Another round of bullets hits my skin
Well, fire away 'cause today, I won't let the shame sink in
We are bursting through the barricades and
Reaching for the sun (we are warriors)
Yeah, that's what we've become

And I know that I deserve your love
There's nothing I'm not worthy of

When the sharpest words wanna cut me down
I'm gonna send a flood, gonna drown 'em out
This is brave, this is bruised
This is who I'm meant to be, this is me

Music and Lyrics by Benj Pasek & Justin Paul