

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.

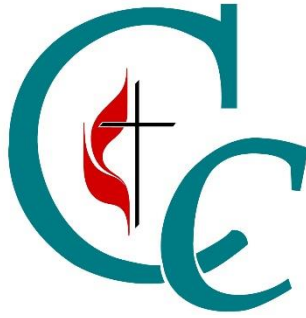
Gerald [Gerry] Mowery Miller

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.

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.



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Chester United Methodist Church

Our Mission: Rooted in God, Growing in Christ, Bearing Fruit in the Spirit

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FRESH START SERVICE

July 18, 2021—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Let God Arise
You are Good
Whom Shall I Fear?
Everlasting God

SPECIAL MUSIC

He Touched Me & Something Beautiful
Dan Hayes

SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 7:1-11a
The Message

MESSAGE

“God in a Box”
Rev. Nathan Decker

July 18, 2021

A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

8th 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

Organist

* Call to Worship

Leader: Even though we don't always feel You, You are with us.

People: Be Still, and Know I am God.

Leader: You bring to us hope and peace. We trust in Your abundant love.

People: Be Still, and Know I am God.

Leader: We come freely, without fear, opening our hearts to God's healing words of hope.

People: Be Still, and Know I am God.

* Opening Hymn No. 89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

* Apostle's Creed No. 881

* Gloria Patri No. 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

* Opening Prayer

Oh, Lord, forgive three sins that are due to my human limitations.

Thou art Everywhere, but I worship thee here:

Thou art without form, but I worship thee in these forms;

Thou needest no praise, yet I offer thee these prayers and salutations.

Lord, forgive three sins that are due to my human limitations. Amen.

M. M. Kaye

Children's Message

Pastors Nathan & Chad

Special Music

He Touched Me & Something Beautiful

Dan Hayes

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 Anthem

Total Praise

Chancel Choir

* Doxology No. 94

**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. 328

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-11a

The Message

Message

“God in a Box”

Pastor Nathan

* Hymn No. 77

How Great Thou Art

* 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:

DATE

SERMON TITLE

SCRIPTURE

July 25

Drink Deep of the Water of Life

John 4:3-15 NRSV

August 1

Learning to be Hungry

Exodus 16:2-15 CEV

August 8

Learning to Share

1 Corinthians 11:17-26 NRSV

August 15

Inviting the Unwelcome

Luke 14:12-24 CEB

CALENDAR

July 18-25, 2021

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

Today: 8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship-DFH
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc.
6:00 PM Joy Unspeakable–226 hyb.

Mon.: 2:00 PM Staff Mtg–103
6:30 PM SPRC–205
6:30 PM Cub/Boy Scouts

Tues.

Wed.: 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Offsite
7:00 PM **Finance–226**

Thurs.: 7:30 AM Men’s Group-First Watch
7:00 PM Chancel Choir–Music Suite

Fri.:
Sat.:

Next Sunday: July 25, 2021

8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship-DFH
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc.
4:00 PM Youth-Goyne Park
5:00 PM Executive Com.-116
5:30 PM Admin Council-DFH

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

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVES

Tax-Free weekend is August 6-8

Place your donations in the labeled bins in the Missions Closet.

- ◆ **August 1–15:** CUMC School Supply Drive for our preschool and local elementary schools. (See insert for lists of items.) POC: Sherri Morris (smorris787@aim.com).
- ◆ **August 22–September 5:** UMW Broad Rock School Supply Drive. Pick up your “assignment ticket” from the display in the Atrium. POC: Susan Petrey (804-938-5396)

LOOKING AHEAD

Backpack Ministry paused until September 2021

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

August 29: Blessing of the Backpacks

September 12: Fall Kickoff AND Church Picnic

September 17-19: Camp Refuel for Youth at Camp Willow Springs

***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!***

He's Still the New Kid in Town! Let's continue to make welcome our new Senior Pastor, Rev. Nathan Decker, and his family: wife, Stephanie, and sons, Elijah (16) and Ethan (13). Visit <https://www.facebook.com/BetterTogether.Devos/> to check out Pastor Nathan's daily devotionals on Facebook. Pastor Nathan's email address is nathandecker@chesterumc.org.

Wear Your Nametags to help Pastor Nathan and his family learn your names. Need a nametag? Fill out the pew pad or 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: Next gathering on Sunday, July 25, at 4:00 PM. Meet at the front of Goyne Park. We will be collecting trash on Ecoff Road. POCs: Jennifer Brame (jrbrooksiee@gmail.com), Jeff Geisz, and Gordon Morris.

Chancel Choir Rehearsals: 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)

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).

Vacation Bible School 2021: Monday, August 2–Friday, August 6; 9:00 AM–11:30 AM; Kindergarten–5th Grade (last grade completed). Registration Forms for attendees are available on the church website or in the Church Office. **Adult and youth** volunteers are needed to make our VBS a success! We need volunteers for shepherding the children, recreation, crafts, registration, snacks, prep work BEFORE VBS, and more! Sign up to volunteer in the pew pad or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D44A5A72BA75-vbsvolunteers>

Deadline to Put Items in the Bulletin is Noon on Wednesday. Entries will generally be listed for up to 3 weeks. Those on our *Keep in Prayer* list will be posted for 3 weeks unless otherwise requested. POC: Terry (cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org)

KEEP IN PRAYER: Dennis Knaack; 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 11, 2020

Online.....	34
Fresh Start	74
Traditions	149
Total Worship Attendance.....	257

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 8:15-10:45 AM 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: We appreciate your pantry donations and monetary contributions which fund the pantry. Your financial gifts are essential to keep the pantry stocked. Make checks payable to CUMC (Memo: Food Pantry). 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; 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*)

POCs: Carolyn Landis (landisfamily05@gmail.com);

Eric Hougland (ehougland88@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)

THURSDAY Morning Men's Group: All men are invited to join us EVERY Thursday at 7:30 AM at First Watch Restaurant (9949 Iron Bridge RD, Chesterfield, VA 23832) for prayer, study, and fellowship. POC: Vann Stanfield (vannstan34@gmail.com)

CUMC School Supply Drive: August 1–15. Each year, our generous church family helps to support the CUMC Preschool and local elementary schools (Harrowgate, Curtis, Wells, and Ecoff) by donating school supplies. Items given to the public schools help homeless children, transient students, and others in need. Please put your donations in the labeled bins in the Missions copies of the supply lists are available in the Atrium. POC: Sherri Morris (smorris787@aim.com, 804-221-1528)

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PUBLIC SCHOOL WISH LIST

Backpacks (neutral/plain)
Binders (1", 2", 3")
Colored pencils
Crayons (24-count)
Disinfecting wipes
Erasers (pencil top)
Folders (paper with prongs)
Folders (paper without prongs)
Folders (vinyl with prongs)
Glue Sticks
Hand sanitizer
Highlighters
Markers (8 or 10 count-washable)
Notebooks (marbled)
Notebooks (spiral, single subject)
Paper (loose leaf, wide ruled)
Pencil Pouches (3-ring)
Pencils (No. 2)
Post-It Notes
Scissors (blunt, metal)
Tissues
Ziploc Bags (all sizes)

CUMC PRESCHOOL WISH LIST

Colored card stock (8 ½ x11")
Composition notebooks
Contact Paper, clear
Copy paper (8 ½ x11")
Cotton balls
Crayons (24 count)
Dry erase cleaner spray
Dry erase markers (all colors, low odor)
Forks & spoons (plastic)
Gift bags (white, handled)
Glue Bottles (8oz. washable)
Glue Sticks (washable)
Hand Sanitizer (lg. bottles)
Laminating sheets (Scott brand, 8 ½ x11")
Markers (8 count washable, low odor)
Napkins Paper plates (cheap 9" white)
Paper towels Pencils (fat & skinny)
Pocket Folders
Plastic School scissors (blunt tip)
Sharpies
Sponges
Tacky Glue
Tape (masking, painters, & Scotch refills
for dispensers)
Tissues
Toner, black (TN 450 Brother printer)
Velcro Dots
Wipes
Ziploc bags (all sizes)