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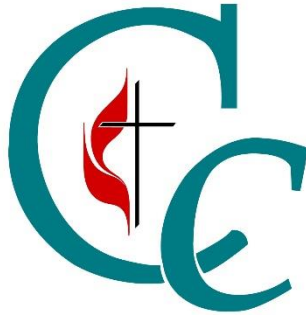
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A Community in Christ

Chester United Methodist Church

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

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FRESH START SERVICE

August 15, 2021—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Awesome is the Lord Most High

Glory to God Forever

I Will Follow

I Refuse

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jesus Built This Church On Love

Angelo Galarza

SCRIPTURE

Luke 14:12-24

CEB

MESSAGE

“Inviting the Unwelcomed”

Rev. Nathan Decker

August 15, 2021

A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

12th 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: Have you ever felt abandoned by God?

People: Yes, oh, yes.

Leader: But God says, "I will never forget you!"

People: How can this be so?

Leader: God says, "I have written your name on the palms of my hands."

People: The God who created us, sustains, and re-creates us, remembers and calls us.

Leader: We come, remembering and worshiping God who cares for us.

* Opening Hymn No. 139 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

* 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

Leader: For rebirth and resilience,

People: blessed be God;

Leader: for the spiritually humble,

People: glory to God, hallelujah;

Leader: for all who hunger and thirst for justice,

People: praise him and magnify him forever;

Leader: for all who are banned from speaking the truth,

People: blessed be God;

Leader: for all who triumph over their bitter circumstance,

People: glory to God, hallelujah;

Leader: for all who risk reputation, livelihood, and life itself for Christ's sake and the gospel;

People: all praise and all glory; this is God's kingdom; praise him and love him forever.

Special Music	<i>Jesus Built This Church On Love</i>	Angelo Galarza
Children's Message	<i>Mr. Pibb</i>	Pastor Nathan
Offertory Anthem	<i>People Need the Lord</i>	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!**

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**

Hymn No. 616 *Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast*

Scripture Reading *Luke 14:12-24* CEB

Message *Inviting the Unwelcomed* Pastor Nathan

* Closing Hymn No. 593

* 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.

CALENDAR
August 15-22, 2021

Office Hours: Mon.–Thurs., 8:30 AM–2:00 PM

Today: 8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship-DFH
9:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Online Worship–Facebook
11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc.

4:00 PM MS/HS Youth- Loft

Mon.: 2:00 PM Staff Mtg–103

6:30 PM SPRC–205

Cub/Boy Scouts

7:00 PM Preschool Board

Tues.

Wed.: 7:00 PM **Finance** -226

7:00 PM Chancel Choir-Sanc.

Thurs.: 7:30 AM Men’s Group-First Watch
1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Offsite

Fri.:

Sat.:

Next Sunday: August 22, 2021

8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship-DFH

9:30 AM ROAD Crew–Annex

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc.

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

Need a nametag? Register in 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).

Sunday Worship Schedule:

DATE

SERMON TITLE

SCRIPTURE

August 22

When We Wish the Unthinkable

Jeremiah 20:7-18 NRSV

August 29

When We Rest from Our Labors

Genesis 2:1-4 NCV

September 5

Sharing the Water of Life

John 4:13-42 NRSV

September 12

Far-Fetched Forgiveness

Matthew 5:43-48 TPT

***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!***

September CHIMES Deadline: Wednesday, August 18. Send your articles to communication@chesterumc.org.

3rd Grade Bible Presentation: Sunday, September 12 during worship. Please register your rising 3rd grader in the pew pad or contact the church office (cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org).

Blessing of the Backpacks: Sunday, August 29, during worship. Children of all ages, bring your backpacks to church to receive a special blessing.

Church Picnic: Sunday, September 12, at noon. The church will provide chicken and beverages. The congregation will bring homemade casseroles and desserts in true Methodist fashion. Watch for details about how you can pitch in.

R.O.A.D. Crew Restarts: Sunday, August 22// 9:30 AM at the Annex/ Brian McLaren's, *We Make the Road by Walking* book// This year-long spiritual formation, reorientation, and activation group will read passages and short chapters from McLaren's book every week. Every Sunday, we will meet first to discuss what we have read and then go on a group walk. Watch for more details in the September Chimes. *Please register in the pew pad or contact Natalie Galarza (familygalarza05@gmail.com).*

USHERS & GREETERS Needed: Sundays//8:15 AM – 8:30 AM; 9:30-45 AM; 10:45 – 11:00 AM// Please register in the pew pad or contact Ginger Chadwick for greeting (gchad32@gmail.com) or Gordon Jones for ushering (jonesgj215@gmail.com / 804.243.3513)

Altar Flowers for the Sanctuary: To donate Altar flowers for Sunday worship services in the Sanctuary, please sign up on the flower chart outside the Church Office and complete an Altar Flower Form. Individuals may make arrangements with the florist of your choice, including delivery to the church and payment to the florist. (The suggested price is \$65.00.) Special pricing and delivery to the church have been arranged with River's Bend Florid and Petals and Bows. Thank you for helping to beautify the Altar for worship.

CUMC Food Pantry Needs: Cold cereal; canned soups (all varieties); canned beef hash; canned meat chili with beans; 20 oz. spaghetti sauce; spaghetti noodles; canned peas; toilet tissue; bar soap; and toothpaste. We are grateful for your ongoing monetary donations to the pantry (memo: Food Pantry).

KEEP IN PRAYER: Forrest Garrett; Andrew Brooks (father of Jennifer Brooks Brame); Earl [Betty] Tatum; family of William L. Shafer (father of Janis Hargrave); family of June Paquette (sister of Shirley Houston); Kate Kelley Ewalt; Doug and Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence August 8, 2020

Online.....	21
Fresh Start	78
Traditions	144
Total Worship Attendance	222

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVES

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 ends today. 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 and put your items in the labeled bin in the Missions Closet by September 5. POC: Susan Petrey (804-938-5396)

LOOKING AHEAD

Backpack Ministry paused until September 2021

August 22: R.O.A.D. Crew Resumes

August 29: Blessing of the Backpacks

September 12: Fall Kickoff AND Church Picnic

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

October 10: UMW Salad Luncheon

October 17: Children’s Sabbath

October 19: Charge Conference

October 31: CUMC Trunk or Treat

December 11: Tacky Light Walk/Run at Midlothian Mines Park

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

R.O.A.D. (*Reaching Out Across Darkness*) Crew Walking Group

Resumes Sunday, August 22. *We Make the Road by Walking* by Brian McLaren

POC: Natalie Galarza (familygalarza05@gmail.com)

Fresh Start Sunday School Class (*Studying NOOMA* by Rob Bell)

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 Hybrid Group

New study will begin on Sunday, August 29, at 6:00 PM (*Who Will Be a Witness*, info below)

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)