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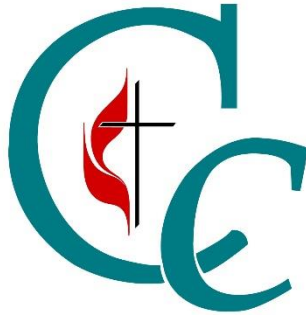


USHERS & GREETERS Needed: Sundays//8:15 AM – 8:30 AM; 9:30-45 AM; 10:45 – 11:00 AM// Please register in the pew pad or contact Ginger Chadwick for greeting (gchad32@gmail.com) or Gordon Jones for ushering (jonesgj215@gmail.com / 804.243.3513)

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).

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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 22, 2021—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Greater
You Never Let Go
Mighty to Save

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child
Abide With Me
Jack Price, trumpet

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 20:7-18
NRSV

MESSAGE

“When We Wish the Unthinkable”
Rev. Nathan Decker

August 22, 2021

A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

13th 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

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child

Jack Price

* Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus had confidence in life after death. That confidence can be ours.

People: The grief felt at Lazarus' death was overcome by the reassurance of Jesus.

Leader: He said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

People: In raising Lazarus, Jesus demonstrated that death is not beyond the hope found in resurrection.

Leader: We are strengthened in our faith by the mighty acts of Jesus.

People: We are given courage and confidence by the power of God to overcome our worst fears. AMEN.

* Opening Hymn No. 371

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

* 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

**Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love,
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.**

**O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

Children's Message

Pastor Chad

Offertory Anthem

You Are There

Chancel Choir
See lyrics on insert.

* 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. 367

He Touched Me

Scripture Reading
Message

*Jeremiah 20:7-18
When We Wish the Unthinkable*

NRSV
Pastor Nathan

Special Music

Abide With Me

Jack Price

* Closing Hymn No. 347

Spirit Song

* 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 22-29, 2021

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

Today: 8:30 AM	Fresh Start Worship-DFH	5:00 PM	Greenleigh Planning– Online	
9:30 AM	ROAD Crew–Annex	Thurs.:	6:00 PM	Preschool Back to Sch–Sanc
9:45 AM	Sunday School	Fri.:	10:00 AM	Preschool Meet the Teacher
10:00 AM	Online Worship–Facebook	Sat.:		
11:00 AM	Traditions Service-Sanc.			
Mon.:	2:00 PM	Staff Mtg–103		
	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts		
Tues.	6:00 PM	Exec Team–116		
	7:00 PM	Church Council–226		
Wed.:	6:00 PM	SPRC–226 (Upper Room)		
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir-Sanc.		
	7:00 PM	SPRC-226		
Thurs.:	7:30 AM	Men’s Group-First Watch		
	1:30 PM	Prayer Shawl-Offsite		

Next Sunday: August 29, Backpack Blessing

8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship-DFH
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc.
6:00 PM Who Will be a Witness–
226/Online

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

- The **Jean Craig Fellowship** will meet on Monday, September 13, 7:00 PM in Room 205. We will continue to sort supplies and pack school kits for Broad Rock Elementary. We welcome any women who are looking for an evening circle.
- The **Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship** will meet at 10:00 AM on Thursday, September 16, in Davis Fellowship Hall. POC: Martha Miles (748-5476)
- **Sunday, October 10, noon--Salad Luncheon—All Women of the Church** are invited to a luncheon meeting of the UMW immediately following 11 o’clock worship. Rev. Marg Kutz, retired, will join us to present her recently published book “Nevertheless She Preached” about early female ministers in the Methodist Church. The Jean Craig Fellowship will host. Bring a salad or dessert to share.
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Sunday Worship Schedule:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
August 29	<i>When We Rest from Our Labors</i>	Genesis 2:1-4 NCV
September 5	<i>Sharing the Water of Life</i>	John 4:13-42 NRSV
September 12	<i>Far-Fetched Forgiveness</i>	Matthew 5:43-48 TPT
September 19	<i>When You Owe Your Brother a Beating</i>	Genesis 42:1-8 CEB

***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!***

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. *Please register in the pew pad or contact Natalie Galarza (familygalarza05@gmail.com).*

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).

Church Picnic: Sunday, September 12, at noon. The church will provide fried chicken and beverages. The congregation will bring homemade casseroles and desserts in true Methodist fashion. Bring your lawn chairs to dine and fellowship together on the Parsonage Lawn. Food will be set up in the fellowship hall along with a few tables for those who choose not to go outside. POC: Susan Petrey (938-5396)

Nursery Volunteers Needed: Our Sunday morning nursery will be open for wee customers beginning September 12! Please volunteer to serve with our paid nursery professional on a rotation schedule at the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM services and at 9:45 AM for Sunday school. All volunteers will be background checked. *Please register in the pew pad.* POC: Pastor Chad Beck

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

Sign-Up for Dinner for Six/Eight: Gathering together for a meal is a way to fellowship with other people in the church and get to know them. Couples and singles gather once a month September - November and January - May at a host home (who provides the meat and beverage)...others bring an appetizer (optional), bread, salad, vegetables, or dessert. Each month, someone else in the group hosts. Don't be shy...it may be 2 couples and 2 singles or 3 couples or a combination of up to 8 people. *Please register in pew pad or contact the church office.* POC: Mary Musselwhite (804-330-0014 / softshL1@gmail.com)

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 Florist. Thank you for helping to beautify the Altar for worship.

KEEP IN PRAYER: family of Dave Wood; family of Kate Kelley Ewalt: Forrest Garrett; Earl [Betty] Tatum; Doug and Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence August 15, 2020

Online.....	23
Fresh Start	82
Traditions	127
Total Worship Attendance	232

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR BROAD ROCK ELEMENTARY: August 22–September 5.

The UMW normally collects school supplies for kits for UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief). They cannot receive supplies due to COVID restrictions and have asked us to choose a local entity to support. Broad Rock Elementary is the southernmost City of Richmond Public Schools. In a building built for 500, they are now serving 1000 mostly low income, transient students, many of whom come to school without supplies. Help us help these most needy students begin a successful year. Pick up your “assignment ticket” from the display in the Atrium, and return the assigned items to the labeled bin in the Missions Closet or Sharing Bin (in the parking lot). Thanks for your generosity in making this project an outstanding success! Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for more information.

Fresh Start Breakfast Volunteers Needed: Responsibilities include picking up the donuts, coffee prep, minor setup of beverages, and simple clean up. You will be scheduled to serve monthly, and will need to arrive by 8:00 AM. *Please register in the pew pad or contact Jeanne Shelburne (271-8210).*

LOOKING AHEAD

Backpack Ministry paused until September 2021

August 29: Blessing of the Backpacks

September 12: Fall Kickoff, Church Picnic, 3rd Grade Bible Presentations

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

October 10: UMW Salad Luncheon

October 16: Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship (10 AM)

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

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

9:45 AM, Room 205

Beginning September 12, "*If God is Love, Don't be a Jerk*" by John Pavlovitz.

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)

You Are There

by Heather Sorenson

You are faithful, God; and Your mercy never ends.
You are faithful, God; grace that we can't comprehend.
And when we go astray, walk away, still Your mercy You will extend.
And when our heart is torn, faith is worn,
we can see that You are there.

You are faithful, God; when our hearts are blind to You.
You are faithful, God; waiting for our eyes to see the Truth.
And when we stop in fear, path unclear,
patiently You guide us back to You.
And in our broken prayer, grief unshared,
we can see that You are there.

You're tearing down the walls that we didn't know we built;
loosening the chains that had bound us in our guilt,
running out to meet us when we felt that we could not go home.
You're picking up the pieces of the grace we've thrown away;
building back the lives that we've left in disarray,
And when we stop our running, we will find that You were always there.
You have never changed.



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- Call - 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1
- Text - [838255](https://text.crisisline.net)
- Crisis Chat - [Connect Online](https://chat.crisisline.net)

Support for deaf and hard of hearing

- [1-800-799-4889](https://18007994889.org)

VA Suicide Prevention Coordinators

- Each VA medical Center has a Suicide Prevention Coordinator (SPC) to make sure Veterans receive needed counseling and services.
- Find your local SPC at VeteransCrisisLine.net/ResourceLocator

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