

## CHESTER UMC ONLINE RESOURCES

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- **Prayer Chain Email:** to subscribe or to submit a prayer request, email Terry at [cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org](mailto:cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org) with “Prayer Chain” or “Prayer Request” in the subject line.
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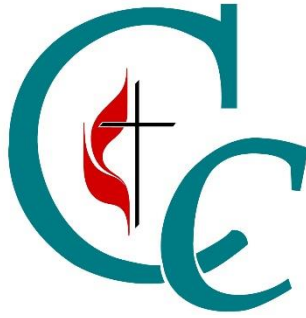


### Sunday Worship Schedule:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
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
September 26	<i>Forgive Us Our Unforgiving</i>	Matthew 18:21-35 NRSV

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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*

12132 Percival Street, Chester, Virginia 23831 \* Church: (804) 748-6006 Fax: (804) 748-0859

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### **FRESH START SERVICE**

August 29, 2021—8:30 AM



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

#### **WORSHIP MUSIC**

Majestic  
Blessed Be Your Name  
How Great Is Our God  
In the Secret

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Be Still  
*Charles & Cheryl Green*  
*Craig & Jill Seal*

#### **SCRIPTURE**

Genesis 2:1-4  
The Message

#### **MESSAGE**

“When We Rest from our Labors”  
*Rev. Nathan Decker*

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August 29, 2021

A Service of Worship and Praise  
11:00 AM

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after Pentecost

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

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Our Neighbor

Chimes

Prelude

*Victory in Jesus*

organist

\* Call to Worship

Leader: God call us this day to a life of joy.

**People: With God, joy cracks through the bonds of despair.**

Leader: With God, joy bursts forth from moments of quiet pleasure.

**People: With God, joy gilds the edges of even ordinary days.**

**Unison: This is the day which our God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

\* Opening Hymn No. 369

*Blessed Assurance*

\* 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.**

\* Blessing of the Backpacks

Children's Message

Offertory Anthem

*Be Still*

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. 451

*Be Thou My Vision*

Scripture Reading  
Message

*Genesis 2:1-4*  
*When We Rest from our Labors*

The Message  
Pastor Nathan

- \* Closing Hymn No. 472
- \* Benediction
- \* Choral Amen

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

**The Flowers on the Altar** are given to the glory of God in memory of Katherine Elizabeth Kelley Ewalt who claimed the promise of new life in Jesus Christ on August 17, 2021.

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

## LOOKING AHEAD

**September 12:** Fall Kickoff, Church Picnic, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentations

**September 16:** Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship (10 AM)

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

**September 26:** CUMC Kids' Playdate at a local park

**October 10:** UMW Salad Luncheon; District Youth Rally @ Bethia UMC

**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

**CALENDAR**  
*August 29-September 5, 2021*

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

Today: 8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship-DFH  
9:30 AM ROAD Crew–Annex  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Online Worship–Facebook  
11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc.  
6:00 PM Who Will be a Witness–  
226

Mon.: 2:00 PM Staff MTG-103  
6:30 PM Cub/Boy Scouts

Tues.

Wed.: 7:00 PM Chancel Choir-Music S.

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

Fri.:

Sat.:

**Next Sunday: September 5,**  
8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship-DFH  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc.  
6:00 PM **NO** Who Will be a  
Witness–226

**CUMC Sunday Nursery Reopens:** Sunday, September 12, 8:15 AM-noon. The nursery will be staffed every Sunday by our paid nursery specialist, Alistia Mabry, and a church volunteer.

**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

**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 (245-2720).*

**Volunteers Need for CUMC Rest Stop Ministry** which mentors local high school youth who are struggling to receive a quality education due to food and housing insecurity, poverty, and other extraordinary issues. Staring it’s 5<sup>th</sup> year, Rest Stop needs your time, talents, and resources for this vital ministry. POCs: Bobby Henderson ([rhen6020@gmail.com](mailto:rhen6020@gmail.com)) and Chad Beck ([chadbeck@chesterumc.org](mailto:chadbeck@chesterumc.org))

**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](mailto:gchad32@gmail.com)) or Gordon Jones for ushering ([jonesgj215@gmail.com](mailto:jonesgj215@gmail.com) / 804.243.3513)

**CUMC Preschool Assistant Teacher Opening** for the 3 year-old classroom/ 8:30 AM-2:00 PM/ Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. POC: Director, Jen Barnes (804-748-2275) / [preschool@chesterumc.org](mailto:preschool@chesterumc.org)

***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 into Christian Membership:**

- + **Talina Sarmiento [Beck]** joined Chester UMC on Sunday, August 22, by transfer from Basic United Methodist Church in Waynesboro, Virginia.
- + **Andrew and Eileen Steck** are joining CUMC today by profession of faith. *Their Chester Chums are Tim and Beth Stewart.*

**Your 2021 Offering Envelopes** are available for pick up in the Atrium.

**R.O.A.D. Crew:** Sundays 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).*

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

**Church Picnic:** Sunday, September 12, at noon. The church will provide fried chicken and beverages. The congregation will bring 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)

**Sign-Up for Dinner for Six/Eight:** 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)

**Afghanistan Troops & Refugees:** Our broken world needs us as the Church. Please join your Pastors in praying for the men and women who served our nation in Afghanistan, and for those Families of Refugees who are fleeing the Taliban to make their home in a far-off land. To donate to assist arriving families, make checks payable to CUMC (Memo: Afghan Refugees). This donation will be sent to the United Methodist Committee on Relief where 100 % of your donation goes to relief efforts.

**KEEP IN PRAYER:** Marylou Cumby; Clara Dyson (mother of Jim Dyson); Judy Dyson; the LeSueur family; family of Dave Wood; family of Kate Kelley Ewalt; Forrest Garrett; Earl [Betty] Tatum; Doug and Clara Gestwick.

**Our Presence August 22, 2020**

Online.....	29
Fresh Start .....	101
Traditions .....	124
<b>Total Worship Attendance .....</b>	<b>254</b>

**The Bridge Southern Gospel Worship Service** will make a soft return at 10:00 AM on Sunday, September 19. Join us in the Sanctuary every Sunday for toe-tapping, soulful songs led by our Bridge Band. As we plan for our fall ministries, we will be discerning the viability of this service.

**Altar Flowers for the Sanctuary:** To donate Altar flowers, 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 \$55-\$65.) 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.

**School Supplies for Broad Rock Elementary:** **August 22–September 5.** 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.

**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.

## **SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS**

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

*We Make the Road by Walking* by Brian McLaren

POC: Natalie Galarza ([familygalarza05@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:susanmpetrey@gmail.com))

### **Journey Sunday School Class**

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

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

Eric Hougland ([ehougland88@gmail.com](mailto:ehougland88@gmail.com))

### **Seekers Sunday School Class**

9:45 AM, Room 226

POC: Barbara MacIntyre ([telluwhatbarbara@aim.com](mailto:telluwhatbarbara@aim.com))

### **Senior Singles Sunday School Class**

9:45 AM, Parlor

POC: Cynthia Corley ([cacorley@ctsi.net](mailto:cacorley@ctsi.net))

### **Joy Unspeakable Small Group**

New study begins TODAY, August 29, at 6:00 PM (*Who Will Be a Witness*, info below)

POC: Chad Beck ([chadbeck@chesterumc.org](mailto:chadbeck@chesterumc.org))

### **Middle and High School Youth Sunday School (BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12)**

9:45 AM, Annex

POC: Dale ([fungoboy77@gmail.com](mailto:fungoboy77@gmail.com)) and Karen Clark ([klsclark51@gmail.com](mailto:klsclark51@gmail.com))

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:vannstan34@gmail.com))