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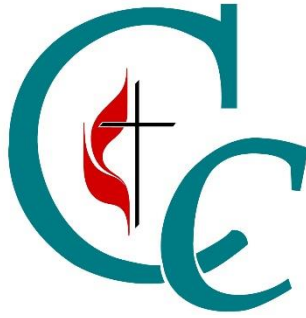


### Sunday Worship Schedule:

| <u>DATE</u>  | <u>SERMON TITLE</u>                        | <u>SCRIPTURE</u>      |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 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 |
| October 3    | <i>Eat This Book</i>                       | Hebrews 1:1-4 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**

September 5, 2021—8:30 AM



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

#### **WORSHIP MUSIC**

Sing, Sing, Sing  
The Only Name  
Old Rugged Cross  
This is Amazing Grace

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

O Come to the Altar  
*Angelo Galarza*

#### **SCRIPTURE**

John 4: 13-30, 39-42  
NRSV

#### **MESSAGE**

“Sharing the Water of Life with the ‘Other’”  
*Rev. Chad Beck*

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

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Our Neighbor

Chimes

Prelude

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Jean Wallace

\* Call to Worship

Leader: Let us worship the God of every tribe and every nation, the God of the blind and the deaf, the God of the rich and the poor, the young and the old. As we gather together, let God's presence be felt in our midst.

**People: We come before you, O God, to seek your face, to experience your healing touch and the liberating word. Let us worship God in Spirit and in truth, that we might become the torchbearer of justice and love, and to be the peacemakers in our homes, in our communities, and in the world.**

Leader: Truly, God is just, taken and God's steadfast love and mercy can conquer the hatred and discrimination that we have created among us.

**Congregation: Let your word touch our hearts to love our enemies and our neighbors, and to be inspired to love the unlovable and the marginalized sections of the church and the community. Amen.**

\* Opening Hymn No. 88

*Maker, in Whom We Live*

Children's Message

\* Hymn No. 437

*This is My Song*

Prayer for Illumination

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**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

*John 4: 13-30, 39-42*

NRSV

Sermon

*Sharing the Water of Life with the "Other"*

Pastor Chad

Offertory Anthem

*Come to the Water*

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 & Responsive Prayer

Leader: God, we pray for the immigrant and refugee families, those who have built their lives outside their homeland;

**People: those who had to run from their cities, leave their homes, and their environments because of death threats, dangers, natural disasters, or for better economic opportunities,**

Leader: because they could not see another possibility, because they had no other possibility. Let the utopia of the gospel become real in our communities.

**People: Let us be the table that receives all ethnic groups, races, languages, cultures, and families.**

Leader: Let us be the place of protection, place of peace, of food, of fostering, of family, cities of refuge and care.

**People: Let us be the banquet that receives those who have been excluded, so we may all be invited to sit down and share with Jesus. A Place for everyone. Amen.**

Holy Communion

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\* Closing Hymn No. 419

*I Am Thine, O Lord*

\* Benediction

\* Choral Amen

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

**Call to Worship & Responsive Reading Source:** *Liturgies from Below: Praying with People at the End of the World* by Claudio Carvalhaes (Abington Press, 2020).

**Your 2021 Offering Envelopes** are available for pick up in the Atrium. Notify the Church Office if you need envelopes for the remainder of 2021.

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

**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 NO Who Will be a Witness  
Mon.: OFFICE CLOSED  
Tues. 4:00 PM Stephen Ministers-226  
Wed.: 12:00 Pm Who Will Be a Witness–  
Online  
7:00 PM Trustees-Annex  
Chancel Choir-Music S.  
Thurs.: 7:30 AM Men’s Group-First Watch

1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Offsite  
Fri.:  
Sat.: 10:00 AM Sign Painting Event–DFH

**Next Sunday: COMBACK SUNDAY!**  
8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship-DFH  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Online Worship  
11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc.  
12:00 pm Church Picnic  
4:00 PM YOUTH–Annex Loft  
6:00 PM 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)

***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!***

**Bereavement Ministry Needs Volunteers:** Our Bereavement Team provides a lovely reception for those who request this time of fellowship following a funeral. We need to update our list of volunteers and how you would like to help. Please complete the enclosed Bereavement Volunteer Form and submit it to the Church Office./Sherri Morris ([smorris787@gmail.com](mailto:smorris787@gmail.com))

**Signs of Life Painting Event:** Saturday, September 11, at 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall. Join us as we paint "Love Your Neighbor" yards signs for our lawns. (Lettering will be stenciled on and you decide the color scheme and add decorative touches. Materials provided. Suggested donation of \$10 to cover materials. POC: Carolyn Landis (landisfamily05@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. (**Be sure to wear play clothes to church!**) 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](mailto: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.

**Ladies of Faith Fellowship Whaley Pecans Annual Sale:** Pre-orders are being now. Harvesting will be late October-delivery in early November. Register in the pew pad or contact Betty Labin (804-748-3516) or Lorraine Young (804-748-6852) to order (\$12.00 per pound for halves or pieces). Please make checks payable to Ladies of Faith.

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

**Our Presence August 29, 2020**

|                                      |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Online.....                          | 32         |
| Fresh Start .....                    | 96         |
| Traditions .....                     | 131        |
| <b>Total Worship Attendance.....</b> | <b>259</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.

**Joy Singers Choir for Retired Folks Resume:** Tuesdays at 10:30 AM in the Music Suite beginning September 21. Singers of all skill levels are invited to participate.

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

**Our Daily Bread Devotionals** for September through November are available for pick up in the Atrium and the Sharing Bin in the parking lot drive-through loop.

**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 free delivery to the church have been arranged with **River's Bend** and **Petals & Bows Florists**. Thank you for helping to beautify the Altar for worship.

**Commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11:** Please join Chesterfield Council Public Schools and the Freedom Flag Foundation at **8:30 AM** on **Friday September 10**, in the Conference Center at the Career and Technical Center @ Hull to honor the first responders and all who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. Masks are required.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

**September 12:** Come Back Sunday; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentations; Church Picnic

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

**September 11:** Signs of Life Sign-Painting Event @ 10 AM in DFH

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

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

Sound System Benefit Concert featuring Joshua Nash Wortham (3 PM)

**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**

*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 **September 12** at 6:30 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))