

## CHESTER UMC ONLINE RESOURCES

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- **YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/c/ChesterUMC>.
- **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.
- **CUMC Library Catalog:** <https://16538.rmwebopac.com> (password: CUMC). Search for titles, peruse our inventory, and much more. POC: Ron Dombrowski ([rmachachi@aol.com](mailto:rmachachi@aol.com)).
- **The Chimes**, monthly newsletter: Submit items to [communication@chesterumc.org](mailto:communication@chesterumc.org) by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

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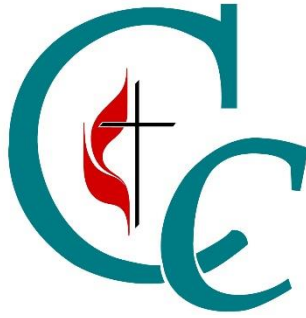


### Sunday Worship Schedule:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
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
October 10	<i>The Word of God is a WHO</i>	John 1:1-14 The Message

### STAFF DIRECTORY

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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 12, 2021—8:30 AM



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

#### **WORSHIP MUSIC**

Everlasting God  
Glory to God Forever  
Here I am to Worship  
All the People Said Amen

#### **SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 5:43-48  
*The Passion Translation*

#### **MESSAGE**

“Far-Fetched Forgiveness”  
*Rev. Nathan Decker*

**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. *It's easy, easy, easy; promise.* Many hands would allow a less frequent schedule. *Register in the pew pad or contact Jeanne Shelburne (245-2720).*

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

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Our Neighbor

Chimes

Prelude

\* Call to Worship

Leader: How blessed we are that God forgives us and loves us!

**People: For all those times when we have fallen short of what God would have us be, we have been forgiven.**

Leader: God makes us new in God's Spirit!

**People: Now is the time to joyfully accept the newness of life which God offers to us.**

Leader: Come, let us worship and be thankful.

**People: Let us open our hearts to the peace and joy of God. AMEN.**

\* Opening Hymn No. 365

*Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

\* 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.**

Children's Message

Pastor Nathan

Offertory Anthem

*God and God Alone*

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**

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| * Hymn No. 390     | <i>Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive</i> | Sung to the tune of<br>Amazing Grace |
| Scripture Reading  | <b>Matthew 5:43-48</b>                | The Passion Translation              |
| Sermon             | <i>Far-Fetched Forgiveness</i>        | Pastor Nathan                        |
| * Closing Hymn 389 | <i>Freely, Freely</i>                 |                                      |
| * Benediction      |                                       |                                      |
| * Choral Amen      |                                       |                                      |
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\* *Please stand as you are able.* **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.

**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.

**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.

**CALEDAR**  
*September 12-19, 2021*

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

Today: 8:30 AM	Nursery until 12:15 PM	10:00 AM	Bookman F' ship-DFH
	Fresh Start Worship-DFH	1:30 PM	Prayer Shawl-Offsite
9:30 AM	ROAD Crew–Annex	Fri.:	
9:45 AM	Adult Sunday School	Sat.:	11:00 AM <b>Ewalt Funeral-Sanc</b>
	Youth Sun Sch.-Annex		
10:00 AM	Online Worship–Facebook		
11:00 AM	Traditions Service-Sanc.	<b>Next Sunday:</b>	<b>September 19, 2021</b>
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>CHURHC PICNIC</b>	8:30 AM	Nursery until 12:15 PM
4:00 PM	Youth-Annex Loft		Fresh Start Worship-DFH
6:30 PM	Who Will be a Witness-226	9:30 AM	ROAD Crew–Annex
Mon.: 2:00 PM	Staff Meeting	9:45 AM	Adult Sunday School
Tues. 6:30 PM	The Bridge Band		Youth Sun Sch.-Annex
Wed.: 12:00 PM	Who Will Be a Witness– Online	10:00 AM	Online Worship
		11:00 AM	Traditions Service-Sanc.
7:00 PM	Finance-226	12:00 PM	CONNECTIONS-226
	Chancel Choir-Music S.	4:00 PM	YOUTH–Annex Loft
Thurs.: 7:30 AM	Men’s Group-First Watch	6:30 PM	Who Will be a Witness–226

**Afghanistan Troops & Refugees:** Please join your Pastors in praying for the men and women who served our nation in Afghanistan, and for those families of refugees who have fled 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. See more information on how you can help at <https://vaumc.org/refugeeresponse/>.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**September 15:** October Chimes deadline  
**September 16:** Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship (10 AM)  
**September 26:** CUMC Kids’ Playdate at Point of Rocks 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

*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!*

**Church Picnic:** TODAY, September 12, at noon! Head to the fellowship hall to fix your plate and dine on the Parsonage Lawn. A few tables will also be set up in the hall for those who prefer to eat inside. **Come one, come all!**

**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))

**Last Change to 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))

**USHERS Needed:** ♥ It takes a village, Friends! ♥ *Please* volunteer to serve Sundays at 8:15 AM-8:30 AM; 9:30-45 AM; or 10:45-11:00 AM. Register in the pew pad or contact Jones (243.3513 / [jonesgj215@gmail.com](mailto:jonesgj215@gmail.com)).

**In Loving Memory:** *Katherine [Kate] Kelley Ewalt* (born August 18, 1980) was received into Glory on August 17, 2021. We will celebrate her life at **11:00 AM on Saturday, September 18**, in the church Sanctuary. Kate hoped that people would wear bright colors for her service to represent God's promise of resurrection and the beauty of life and nature. Following the service, please join the family in our fellowship hall for fellowship and a light lunch.

## **SUNDAY NURSERY REOPENS TODAY!**

We are thrilled to announce that **Alistia Mabry** has returned as our Nursery Specialist The nursery is available all morning every Sunday during worship and Sunday school.

**We need VOLUNTEERS to assist Alistia in caring for our little cherubs!**

PLEASE, *please* volunteer to serve with Alistia on a rotation schedule at the 8:15 AM , 9:30 AM, or 10:45 AM. All volunteers will be background checked. *Register in the pew pad or contact the Church Office ([cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org](mailto:cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org)).*

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

**Our Presence September 5, 2020**

Online..... 21  
Fresh Start ..... 71  
Traditions ..... 116  
**Total Worship Attendance ..... 208**

**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.

**CONNECTIONS Sessions for New & Prospective Members:** Sundays, September 19, September 26, and October 3 at noon. You are invited to join Pastor Nathan for 1 ½ to 2 hours for discussion and LUNCH (we will order in). RSVP to Terry at [cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org](mailto:cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org).

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

**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. Dr. 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.

## **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 ([klslark51@gmail.com](mailto:klslark51@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* by Drew G. I. Hart (published by Herald Press, 2020, ISBN-13 978-1513806594)

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))