

OCTOBER 2021

# THE CHIMES

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## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHOIR RETURN!

Following Fresh Start Worship, we will offer a time of games, Bible lesson, music, and prayer for children in grades PK-5 in Davis Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Carrie Coyner (carrie.coyner@gmail.com).

## MEDIA UPGRADE BENEFIT CONCERT

*Sunday, October 10, at 3:00 PM* in the Sanctuary. Joshua Wortham presents a concert of worship featuring your favorite hymns, worship songs, and much more. A free-will offering will be received to support our campaign to replace the existing sound equipment in the Sanctuary and Davis Fellowship Hall and add video equipment to improve our online ministry. Make checks payable to CUMC (Memo: Media). Donations of all sizes are welcomed at any time toward this \$93,000+ project. For more information on this project, see the article on page 7.



## MOVIE NIGHT

*Friday, October 22, at 6:40 PM* on the Annex Lawn (at the corner of Harrowgate Road and Old Hundred Road).

Invite your friends, and neighbors! Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and some snacks to share as we watch a family-friendly movie under the stars.

## TRUNK OR TREAT

*Sunday, October 31, at 5:00 PM* in the church parking lot. Let's **TREAT** our community during this special event! We need volunteers willing to **decorate their trunk** in festive fashion and hand out candy as little ghouls and goblins collect these sweet treats! Invite your friends and neighbors to come trick or treat!



A Community in Christ  
Chester United Methodist Church

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Contemporary Worship**  
Davis Fellowship Hall  
8:30 AM

**Southern Gospel Worship**  
Sanctuary  
10:00 AM

**Online Worship**  
Facebook & YouTube  
10:00 AM

**Traditional Worship**  
Sanctuary  
11:00 AM

**Worship By Phone**  
804-768-9594  
Anytime

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# MAKE AN IMPACT

by Pastor Nathan Decker

*“If you think you’re too small to make an impact, try going to bed with a mosquito.”*  
-Anita Roddick



If you blink, you’re going to miss it. The leaves are going to change. One moment we’ll notice the sun setting across the sky giving cotton candy hues mixed with purple; the next, we will see the dance of reds, golds, and bright orange in the breeze that gets cooler and cooler by the evening. And before we are ready, they fall to the ground and change has happened. An impact is made. Each of us makes an impact. Think about the leaves on the trees. No matter how much oxygen they produce, no matter how much shade they provide, and no matter how many mouths they feed, they impact the world around them. Even in their dying moment as they shift from green to fall foliage, they give beauty and praise. They reflect the Creator’s paintbrush. They make an impact.

Recently, I was doing my community outreach thing. In this particular instance, I was invited to have coffee at Starbucks with six officers from the Chesterfield County Police Department. We shook hands, sat down, exchanged business cards: you know, the meet and greet. Then one of them held up my card with his impish grin. “Nathan Decker,” he said, “were you ever a youth minister at Lyndale Church?”

For the next ten minutes, the two of us shared stories about Youth Mission trips, a Christmas musical, and family ties. On one particular mission trip, he recalled not wanting to scape paint. He put his tools down and went over to sit down on a porch swing. The swing promptly gave way and a board gently impacted him on his head. He took it as a sign God wanted him back to work.

I marveled as he shared stories and ways his life had been shaped. I couldn’t believe God had made such an impact (even with a broken board on a porch swing). You see, I was only at that church as youth minister for a little over one year. If you had asked me if I had made any great leaps for the Kingdom of God that would later influence community policing by a senior officer - I’d tell you you were crazy. But our God is an amazing God who works through us.

Each of us makes an impact. No matter how many prayers you offer for others, no matter how much comfort and care you provide, and no matter how much time, financial support, and love you give, you impact the world around you. Let’s make sure it’s a positive impact that gives beauty and praise. Let’s reflect the Creator’s paintbrush. Make an impact. After all, it’s what Jesus would do.

*“Be energetic in your life of salvation, reverent and sensitive before God. That energy is God’s energy, an energy deep within you, God himself willing and working at what will give him the most pleasure.”*  
-Philippians 2:12b-13 The Message

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## MUSIC NOTES

Let’s get back into the SING of things! As the season of fall approaches, let’s fall back into some good rehearsal habits as our music groups prepare to lead in worship.

- **Faith On Fire**—Our Children and Youth Choir will rehearse on Sundays as part of the Sunday School hour in Davis Fellowship Hall under the direction of Carrie Coyner. Watch for more info.
- **The Joy Singers**—Our choir for retired folks rehearses on Tuesdays at 10:30 AM in the Music Suite. Singers of all skill levels are encouraged to participate.
- **Chancel Choir**—This choir for singers in 9th grade to 99 years old rehearses on Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Singers of all skill levels are encouraged to participate.
- **Cantata Choir**—Not ready to commit full-time to the Chancel Choir? Join us as we prepare our seasonal worship concerts! We will begin Christmas rehearsals with a workshop on **Saturday, October 2, at 9:30 AM**. Weekly rehearsals will be on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM, followed by Chancel Choir rehearsal.

I will be performing alongside Georgia Rogers Farmer in a musical comedy called *“Souvenir”* based on the life of Florence Foster Jenkins. Florence was a high-society eccentric who suffered under the delusion that she was a great coloratura soprano, but was in fact incapable of singing two consecutive notes in tune! Performances are at the Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen during the first three weekends in November. Watch the bulletin for additional info. Tickets go on sale October 4.



“Sing”-cerely, *Joshua Wortham*

# CHAD'S CHALLENGES

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." John 3:16*

Dear Chester UMC Family,

Because I became your associate pastor in July 2020 in the middle of COVID, I feel like it's my first year. There are so many ministries; I'm just beginning to experience all that our church has to offer. I'm just beginning to get to know everyone. As Karen Carpenter sang, "we've only just begun."



I'd like to share with you three of my ministry priorities going forward.

First, I am prioritizing pastoral and congregational care, working closely with Pastor Nathan, our staff, the Visitation Team, Stephen Ministers, and other groups. I encourage you to participate in our care ministries, whether as part of a team or through informal calls and notes, prayers, and encouraging words. We, the church, are called to care for one another. Every need and every individual matters.

Second, I am prioritizing missions, and third, diversity. John 3:16 is one of the most well-known scripture verses because it speaks of our salvation through God's love in God's Son Jesus Christ. However, not everyone realizes the shocking implications of the revelation that God so loved the world. That means everyone. God loves every individual and every group of people, every race and ethnic group, people of every nation, every gender, every social class, and so on and so on.

Therefore, I am overjoyed that we have broad and overwhelming support in our church for our Greenleigh mission with Latinx (Hispanic) peoples as one of CUMC's missional priorities.

I am also amazed by the humble and committed disciples who, for the past 15 months, have engaged in challenging, though highly important, conversations about race relations and racial reconciliation. We study the Bible, and we are now reading *Who Will Be a Witness: Igniting Activism for God's Justice, Love, and Deliverance*, by Drew G. I. Hart. I understand that some of you may have concerns about these conversations on race or reservations about this book choice. That's ok. I encourage open conversation and mutual listening. We grow in God's love for the world when we study scripture, pray, and have holy conversations with people who have had life experiences that are different from our own. We grow in God's love for everyone when we seek to live like Jesus and when we yield to the Holy Spirit.

God so loved the world that God gave Jesus for you, for me, and for all peoples! God's expansive love inspires me to be passionate about pastoral and congregational care and our shared missional priorities. God's inclusive love inspires me to be a minister of love, justice, and reconciliation alongside all of you, my co-workers in the gospel, my siblings in Christ.

I give thanks to God that we have been "coming back" to worship and small groups (online, phone, and in-person), church picnics, giving, service, and more.

Love and Blessings,

Pastor Chad Beck  
Associate Pastor



**The Bridge Southern Gospel Worship Service** is back on Sundays **at 10:00 AM!** With toe-tapping, soulful songs led by our Bridge Band, this service will lift your spirits as we encounter God together. Join us in the Sanctuary each Sunday for this unique worship experience. We will be discerning the viability of this service for a few weeks.



## STEPHEN MINISTRY MOMENT— Is Attending Church Really Worth It?

For the past 18 months, we have adjusted to a different way of life. Instead of going shopping or to work, school, and church, many are staying home and ordering groceries, working or going to school online, and attending church online. There is no doubt that technology has allowed us to accomplish much within our own homes. And, if we're honest with ourselves it can be downright pleasant eating breakfast and drinking coffee while still in our pajamas listening to Pastor Nathan deliver his sermon via our iPad or iPhone.

If we can so easily and comfortably “attend church” online, is it really worth physically attending church? Can't we get everything we need from online church? While there is nothing wrong with watching a church service online, we need to actually attend church when possible. The purpose of church is so much more than just listening and learning. According to Dr. Kenneth C. Haugk, the Church, the body of Christ, is uniquely able to fulfill four deep needs we all have.

- **Spirituality:** to know and be known by God, to feel loved and accepted by God, to worship God and demonstrate love for God – a need shared by all, even those who have no religious affiliation
- **Community:** to know and be known by other people seeking spirituality together, to feel loved and accepted by others, strengthening and supporting one another
- **Care:** to have people who will help bear life's burdens on behalf of the spiritual community, to receive care and support without judgment or criticism
- **Service:** to make a difference in the lives of others through the ministry of a caring spiritual community

To be in church among other believers makes it possible to fulfill these deep spiritual needs and to help others be fulfilled. As a community of believers, congregations – including ours – are well positioned to meet these needs and to help people address them. One of the ways we do so is through Stephen Ministry. If you would like to speak confidentially with a Stephen Minister, please call the Church Office at 804-748-0859.

*And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.... Ephesians 4:11-12 ESV*



## CARE MINISTRIES

**The Visitation Team** of Chester UMC is an ongoing mission to stay in contact with our members who are in assisted living, nursing homes, or are home-bound. We also contact those who are having health-related issues or seniors who live alone. We work with the Church Office to create and maintain our list of those being visited. Our contacts range from in-person visits to phone calls or cards. We have five teams who initiate these contacts. Each month, the team's list changes so that in a year's time, every person on our list sees or hears from each team. These visits give pleasure not only to the person being contacted, but also to the team members. If you would like to know more about the Visitation Team, please contact Will Schmidt (804) 931-3660 or Karen Comer (804) 796-2910.

**“Wheels”** is a transportation service for church members who need assistance in getting to medical appointments. We are always looking for church members who are willing to provide transportation. Call Will Schmidt (804-931-3660) if you either need a ride or can drive.

# COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX PROJECT

Again this year, CUMC will serve the local **Greenleigh Mobile Home Community** by providing Christmas gift boxes to approximately 180 children in need. The age groups we will focus on are boys and girls ages 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. Age-appropriate small toys can be put in each box. Examples are dolls, balls, stuffed animals, puzzles, yoyos, bubbles, cars, etc. Also hair accessories, brush, comb, toothbrush, ChapStick, toiletries, school supplies, socks, and jewelry may be added. **DO NOT INCLUDE CANDY, GUM, OR TOY WEAPONS.**



## HOW TO DO IT:

1. GET a shoebox to pack. Wrap top and bottom separately with gift wrap.
2. After preparing your gift box, return it to church **LABELED GIRL OR BOY AND AGE GROUP**, either 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, or 10-12. Large rubber bands will be available to secure the lid. Please do not seal box.

Deadline for boxes is Sunday, November 14.

POC: Linda D'Agostino, [lindabella@comcast.net](mailto:lindabella@comcast.net)

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## CARDS FOR VETERANS

It's that time of year again to let our veterans at McGuire Hospital know that we appreciate them. If you would like to write thank you cards (store bought or homemade) for Veterans Day, we will deliver them. Remember that our youth and children at CUMC enjoy making cards, too.

**Due date is Sunday, November 7.** Place your cards in the labeled box in the Sharing Bin outside the atrium doors starting October 17th. Many thanks. POC Barbara MacIntyre, 748-0775.

If you have a surplus of 2022 calendars, the Veterans can use them. Please put them in the Sharing Bin, too.

Here are suggestions you might say in the cards to let a vet know that you're praying for him/her, that you remember and appreciate their sacrifices and service to our country, and Get Well Soon.

- Include a Bible verse that you find comforting.
- I am celebrating you on Veterans Day for your courage, sacrifice, and commitment to our country. You are an inspiration to so many. OR You are an inspiration to me.
- Thank you for serving our country.
- Please accept this special "Thank you" for your willingness to serve our country--and what it cost you.
- Thank you for protecting the freedoms I enjoy!
- Please remember that I support you and am holding you in my heart and prayers.
- May God bless and keep you safe.

The above are just ideas to get you going. **Please DO NOT seal the envelopes and sign only your first name.**  
**Due by November 7.** Thanks!

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## BLOOD DRIVE—Book Your Appointment Today!

*Wednesday, November 17, 2021*

*11:00 AM—4:00 PM*

*Davis Fellowship Hall*



The need is great! Book your appointment today at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

Donations from our last drive have been sent to save lives at Sentara Virginia Beach General and Riverside Hospital.

At our drive on August 11, we registered 32 donors, 2 of which were first time donors, and we collected 29 units!

# SMALL GROUPS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

We offer a wide variety of study groups for every age and every phase of your spiritual journey. Here is a list of our current offerings. Prayerfully discern which class you want to join as you grow in your walk with Christ. Or, perhaps you're feeling led to start a new class! Contact the Church Office, or one of the leaders listed below, for more information.

## SUNDAY

### **Middle and High School Youth Sunday School**

9:45 AM, Annex

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

### **Fresh Start Sunday School Class**

9:45 AM, Room 205

*Reading the Old Testament Through Jewish Eyes* by Rabbi Evan

POC: Susan Petrey ([susanmpetrey@gmail.com](mailto:susanmpetrey@gmail.com))

### **Journey Sunday School Class**

9:45 AM, Annex and Google Meet (*hybrid class*)

POC: Eric Houglan ([ehouglan88@gmail.com](mailto:ehouglan88@gmail.com))

### **Seekers Sunday School Class**

9:45 AM, Room 226

*The Message of the Holy Spirit* by K Warrington

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

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

9:45 AM, Parlor

*Think Like Jesus* by Randy Frazee

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

### **Joy Unspeakable Small Group**

6:30 PM, Room 226

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

Book: *Who Will Be a Witness: Igniting Activism for God's Justice, Love, and Deliverance*

## WEDNESDAY

### **Joy Unspeakable Small Group**

12:00 PM, Google Meet (*virtual*)

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

Book: *Who Will Be a Witness: Igniting Activism for God's Justice, Love, and Deliverance*

## THURSDAY

### **Morning Men's Group**

7:30 AM, First Watch Restaurant (9949 Iron Bridge Road, Chesterfield, VA 23832)

POC: Vann Stanfield ([vannstan34@gmail.com](mailto:vannstan34@gmail.com))

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# FRESH START SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Fresh Start Class meets every Sunday morning at 9:45 in room 205 (across the hall from the church library).

- Beginning Sunday, September 12— Join us as we study *Reading the Old Testament Through Jewish Eyes*, by Rabbi Evan Moffic as he explores the first five books of the Hebrew Bible and highlights the key points of interest to Christians. He presents the biblical text and interpretations of it in the way Jewish leaders during the time of Jesus would have studied it while examining different commentaries.

Visitors and new members are always welcome. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for more information.

# MEDIA UPGRADE

by Joshua Wortham



On Sunday, September 19, we announced a new fundraising campaign as we seek to replace our existing sound systems and add video equipment in both the Sanctuary and Davis Fellowship Hall. We are excited about the improvements and expanded possibilities this will bring for our church and our community. Our new video equipment will greatly improve our online worship services. New sound equipment will remedy a slew of technical issues that haunt us week after week. Because our volunteer sound technicians are so skilled, most folks have no idea how many nightmares we face and gremlins we battle week after week at the sound board. Our existing systems have served us well for 13+ years, well past the typical life expectancy, but their effective lifetime has come to an end.

When the Bridge Band resumed rehearsals recently, even more issues revealed themselves. We were in a mad scramble to put band-aids on the sound board just to be able to execute the service effectively. And even then, on the first Sunday back at The Bridge, we were picking up FM radio signals that were invading our speakers! The fun never ends (he types with deep sarcasm!)

If you were here on September 19, then you also heard the loud gasp that occurred as we announced the sticker price for this media upgrade. The bottom line is right around \$93,000+ for sound and video for both worship spaces. I'll give you a moment to process that information. For what it's worth, another company quoted a price of \$120,000 for JUST the Sanctuary. I have spent countless hours working with multiple companies to secure the best possible price. We have worked to find savings and tweak as much as possible without sacrificing quality and integrity. When we worship, we are called to give our best to God, and while not necessarily glamorous, the sound system is a part of that experience.

We are blessed because we are going to be able to use memorial funds to cover approximately half of this project! Praise God! Donations made in memory of the saints who have gone on before us have been blessed by their ancestors for this purpose.

Please prayerfully discern how much you might be able to contribute toward this effort. No gift is too small or too big! Checks may be made payable to CUMC (Memo: Media). If you have more questions, please contact Pastor Nathan or Music Director, Joshua Wortham.

God is doing great things in our midst and we trust in God fully to provide for this vital ministry through your Spirit-filled generosity!

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## STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

by Bryon and Josefa Wall

By now, we're sure you've noticed daytime temperatures are cooler, the number of daylight hours is becoming less, football season has kicked off, and school buses are moving about our streets. Fall has arrived!!! This means it's time for us to begin reflecting on the God-led ways our church has impacted lives in our communities and begin planning for 2022 and the years to follow. Pause for a moment and think of the great things you'd like to see CUMC do next year as well as what you feel we need to prepare for and develop over the next three years. If you are having trouble getting started, let us jumpstart your thoughts by asking you to think about: our preschool and how it develops young minds while parents/guardians are at work earning wages to provide for their family; teenagers who are looking for outlets of positive influences; and the souls we connect with through mission trips and outreach. Your generosity makes opportunities like these possible.



Next month, we will come together as individuals and families to pledge our financial support for CUMC and its mission to build disciples for Christ who transform the word. In addition to preparing for the promises we will make next month, now is a great time to review your will, life insurance, and overall estate planning. Making a bequest in your will, listing CUMC as a beneficiary on insurance policies, and/or donating real estate or stocks or bonds are wonderful ways to show you have been a good steward of all that God has entrusted in you. Remember, having the right plans in place will ensure your legacy will exist. If you wish to talk with someone about sharing your gifts, please email Pastor Nathan ([nathandecker@chesterumc.org](mailto:nathandecker@chesterumc.org)) or Pastor Chad ([chadbeck@chesterumc.org](mailto:chadbeck@chesterumc.org)). Peace be with you.



# TURKEY POT PIE DINNER

**Mark Your Calendar: Turkey Pot Pie Dinner, Saturday, November 6, 6:00 p.m.—All Members of the Chester Community** are invited to feast on Turkey Pot Pie and all the trimmings plus musical entertainment from Chester guitarist and singer, Susan DePhillip. Proceeds will help support the mission projects of the United Methodist Women. **Tickets, available beginning October 1, are required, \$12 per person**, checks made payable to Chester UMW. Call the Church Office, 748-6006 or Susan Petrey, 938-5396.



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women (UMW) is to “be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.”

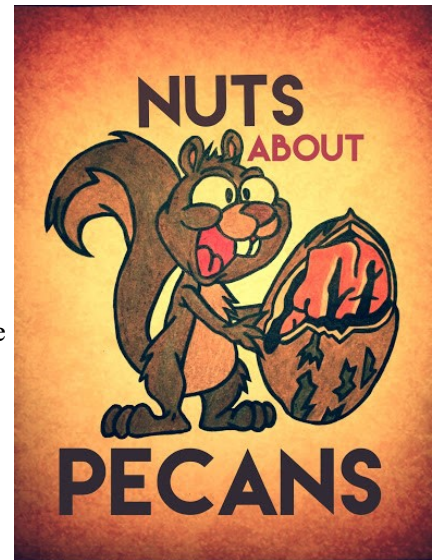
- The **Jean Craig Fellowship** will meet on Monday, October 4, 7:00 PM at church, Room 205. We will stuff Halloween Treat Bags for UMFS (United Methodist Family Services). We welcome any women who are looking for an evening circle. Call Susan Petrey for details.
- The **Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship** will meet on Thursday, October 21, at 10:00 AM in Davis Fellowship Hall. Call Martha Miles, 748-5476, for more information.
- **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.

Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, to learn more about UMW, our two participating fellowships, and how you can become involved.

## WHALEY PECANS FOR SALE

*Ladies of Faith Fellowship 2021—Pre-Order (Sale)*

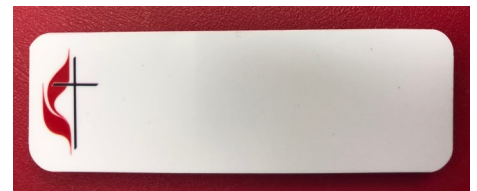
Whaley Pecan Company will be sending us their new crop of pecans in early November, as usual. Even though some of us were “shuttered in” last year, you placed your orders and made those pecan pies for Thanksgiving and spiced pecans for Christmas gift giving. Just like last year, we will only be taking pre-orders in September and October. You can place your orders by calling the numbers below or signing up in the pew pad on Sunday morning. The cost remains at \$12.00 per pound for halves or medium pieces. Most of you have purchased these pecans before and know the taste of freshness is outstanding. Please contact Betty Labin (804-748-3516; [bjlabin@hotmail.com](mailto:bjlabin@hotmail.com)) or Lorraine Young (804-748-6852) with your pre-orders and specify if you want halves or pieces. We will contact you in early November when the pecans arrive. Thank you for supporting this fellowship and your church via this project.



## WEAR YOUR CUMC NAMETAGS!

Help Pastors Nathan and Chad and their families learn names by wearing your CUMC nametag!

**Need a nametag?** Contact Terry in the Church Office (804.748.6006, [cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org](mailto: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).







## ARE YOU READY FOR SOMETHING NEW?

*Warning: it may be considered "tacky" by some!*

Have you seen Pastor Nathan's Better Together videos yet? Recently, I heard him encourage us to explore our faith and get out of our comfort zone! He said, "No plan, no goal, no grow." .... He also asked me to lead the **Chester United Methodist Church Tacky Lights Run/Walk Team!** So what do you think? Will YOU join us? All ages and abilities are welcome to join our Chester UMC-Better Together Elf Crew on Saturday, December 11, to walk or run the Sports Backers Tacky Light Run. You can register to run

or walk here: <https://www.sportsbackers.org/events/tacky-light-run/pricing-schedule/>.

**Please note: registration re-opens on October 5.**

Make sure to sign up to join the Chester UMC- Better Together Elf Crew!

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

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*Please contact the POC listed, the Church Office, or register in the pew pad on Sunday.*

**Nursery Volunteers Needed:** Our Sunday morning nursery is now open for wee customers! Please volunteer to serve with Alistia Mabry, our paid nursery professional, on a rotation schedule at the 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, and 11:00 AM services and at 9:45 AM for Sunday school. All volunteers will be background checked.

**Ushers Needed for Sunday Worship Services:** 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, and 11:00 AM.

POC: Gordon Jones ([jonesgj215@gmail.com](mailto:jonesgj215@gmail.com) / 804.243.3513)

**Fresh Start Breakfast:** 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. POC: Jeanne Shelburne (271-8210).

## SHOP AMAZON SMILE

Start your shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and a portion of your purchase price will be donated to the church at no additional cost to you!



## KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Kroger recently awarded CUMC a quarterly check for **\$680.79**. Thank you to the 104 households in our church who shopped at Kroger between June 1 and August 31, 2021! The Kroger Community Rewards Program makes fundraising easy...all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! Program participants may only participate in the program at one Kroger location. *Enroll, verify that your enrollment is still active, or update where you shop by visiting [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com).* **The organization number for CUMC is NQ698.** Feel free to contact the Church Office if you need assistance.



**December 12 & 14—Christmas Musical**  
featuring the Chancel Choir

**January 30—Allison Speer** leads in all three  
worship services

# THANK YOU NOTES

Dear CUMC,

Thanks to everyone who contributed, we collected enough materials to complete kits for more than 100 of Broad Rock's most in need students.

~Jean Craig United Methodist Women Fellowship

# MEMORIALS

## In Memory of Kate Ewalt

Betty Labin

## In Memory Rev. Gerry Miller

Rev. Marg Kutz

# CUMC FAMILY NEWS

## RECEIVED INTO CHRISTIAN MEMBERSHIP:

August 22, 2021—*Talina Sarmiento Beck* by transfer from Basic UMC, Waynesboro, VA



## DAILY NEWS

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# October Birthdays

## October 1

Theodore Ewalt  
Silvia McCarney  
Carolyn Thompson

## October 2

Johnnie Davis  
Ophelia Ewalt  
J Hougland  
Bee Malone  
Ashley Pospahala  
John Price

## October 3

Celia Anderson  
Charles Jackson  
Jennifer Mauro

## October 4

Reagan Biedler  
Andrew Patterson  
Doug Pawluk  
Norman Smith  
Mary Watson

## October 5

Mollie Bess  
Michael Watkins

## October 6

Russell Chadwick  
Maureen Coker  
Geoffrey LeSueur  
Robin Martin

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