

DECEMBER 2021/JANUARY 2022
THE CHIMES

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FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT ★

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AND IT CAME TO PASS ★

EMMANUEL ★



Sunday, December 12, at 8:30 and 11:00 AM
Tuesday, December 14, at 7:00 PM



CHRISTMAS EVE
WORSHIP

3:00 PM Family Friendly Worship
 7:00 PM Candlelight Communion
 10:00 PM Candlelight Communion

Allison Speer
A Concert of Worship

Sunday, January 30
 8:30, 9:55, & 11:00 AM

Free Concert!
 Donations accepted.



A Community in Christ
 Chester United Methodist Church

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Contemporary Worship
 Davis Fellowship Hall
 8:30 AM

Southern Gospel Worship
 Sanctuary
 9:55 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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A NEW VISION

by Pastor Nathan Decker

“A leader is one who knows the way and shows the way.”
-John C. Maxwell

I hope you are not weary of me talking about God’s Mission and Vision for Chester UMC. When I arrived in July, I felt an urgency from the Spirit to **listen, love, and lead**. I listened for where God had placed the passionate fires of Pentecost among us. We loved and nurtured one another through the painful honesty of where we have been. Now I sense we are coming out of the Pandemic and out of our grief and into a new day. It’s time for us to follow Christ’s leadership.



The mission is always the same. Jesus told us to **make disciples**. For the last five months we have been discerning how God is calling us to accomplish this - our vision. I began through conversations asking people “where is God taking us” and “what is it that excites you about Chester UMC?” I’ve learned that what excites us is often where God is leading us. Lay Leaders, the Executive Team, and Church Council all chewed, deliberated, and discerned together. What we came to was five guiding statements, our core values for how we will make disciples.

We at Chester UMC will make disciple for Jesus by

- **Focusing Passionate Worship on God**
- **Seeking Spirit-Led Discipleship**
- **Embracing Diversity**
- **Loving Children and Families**
- **And Positively Impacting our Community.**

Cool! Right? But saying this and living it out are two different things. We have already begun the next steps. We have aligned our 2022 budget to our vision and have, as an act of faith, increased the budget to accomplish this. We are setting realistic and tangible goals for 1 year and 3 years out. I want to share some of our 2022 goals with you:

Worship Goal: Average Attendance over 300. I need your help inviting friends, neighbors, coworkers. Sometimes this may mean we try to meet new people in order to build relationships so we can invite them.

Discipleship Goal: Ten New People come to Faith. Not only do we want folks to attend our worship services, we want them to fall in love with Jesus like we have.

Diversity Goal: Spanish-Speaking Small Group. In the last decade, our community has had an explosion of Latinos. Over 200% increase! God is already at work creating opportunities for our church to be inclusive and affirming.

Children/Families Goal: Monthly Events. Disciples grow best when we are together in clusters like grapes. We want to have events every month that bring our Children and Families together so they can grow in the love of Christ.

Community Impact: Visual Church In Community. When we hand out food at Greenleigh, Sing Carols at Chester Village, or Run a Tacky Light Run, we should be visibly together. We want everyone in Church to have a Church Shirt to wear when we are on mission.

These are just a few of the goals we are setting. God is calling us to make disciples! God is leading the way by dreaming and giving us a vision to discern. Please join me in prayer as we together strive to bring forth the Kingdom of God in 2022 and continue to listen, love, and lead.

“There is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation”
2 Corinthians 5:17-18

CUMC SERVICE SUNDAY

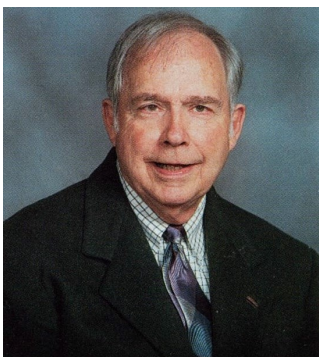
December 5, 2021, immediately following the Traditions Service. We will begin with a delicious, yet simple, hot dog lunch around noon then get to work sprucing up our church. There will be jobs for everybody—young and old. Please plan to come join in the food, fellowship, and SERVICE!

MUSIC NOTES

What an incredible time in the life of our music ministry! Let me begin by saying how grateful I am for the SPRC's decision to change my job title to **Minister of Music** (from Director of Music). When I first arrived here in June 2004, it was the result of a calling from God. I feel so blessed to continue to feel that calling more than 17 years later. My prayer is always that our music is more than mere performance, but an offering of praise to the God who gave us the gift of music! I hope each of you are able to experience the whispers of the Holy Spirit through our music ministry. And I pray that God will continue to call me to serve Him at Chester UMC for many years to come!



In case you haven't heard, our **Media Upgrade Campaign** was an overwhelming success! I am so grateful for your faithful response as God nudged so many of you to contribute. To date, we have raised **\$103,523.79**. Many of you have been asking when installation will begin. I assure you, I'm just as eager as you are. Much of the equipment is on a significant delay (as much as two months) but it has been ordered. We anticipate installation in January 2022.



Our dear **Floyd Bradshaw** (May 3, 1931 - May 26, 2020) bequeathed his 1932 Steinway Model M Baby Grand Piano to Chester UMC. This beautiful instrument was delivered to us on November 10 and is a welcome addition to our music ministry as it settles into its new home in Davis Fellowship Hall. We give God thanks for the life of Floyd Bradshaw and for this generous gift.

The most popular question I received over the last month is, "Are we having a **Christmas cantata**?" And I'm delighted to respond with a hearty, "Yes, we are!" The choir has been hard at work getting voices back in shape as we prepare to present "And It Came to Pass Emmanuel" on Sunday, December 12 (at 8:30 and 11:00 AM) and on Tuesday, December 14, at 7:00 PM. Please prayerfully consider who you will invite. The story is familiar, the music is new, and the message is timeless and relevant for us today.



Looking ahead, I'm excited for our dear friend **Allison Speer** to return to Chester UMC on January 30 during all three worship services. Allison has become one of our favorite artists. With incomparable vocals and a heart that maintains a direct connection to God, you are sure to experience the Spirit moving as she sings and ministers to us. Allison has traveled the word sharing the Gospel in song as part of her solo career as well as alongside Bill Gaither as part of his Homecoming tours. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this special time of worship. A free-will offering will be received to support Allison's ministry which has been greatly impacted by the pandemic.

"Sing"-cerely,

Joshua Wortham



CHANGES TO THE CHIMES

We are now publishing the Chimes Newsletter **every other month**. That means articles for BOTH February AND March will need to be submitted by January 19 (always the third Wednesday). Please plan ahead if you have ministries and events that you plan to promote. Submit articles to communication@chesterumc.org.



**CHRISTMAS
PAINT PARTY**
Sunday, December 12, 5PM

CUMC FAMILY MINISTRY
**CAROLING, COLORING,
COOKIES, AND COCOA**
FOR CHILDREN 5TH GRADE AND YOUNGER



Sunday, December 19
3:00 – 5:00 PM
Davis Fellowship Hall



CHRISTMAS SHARING TREE

Want to bring some Christmas cheer to some very deserving adults with developmental disabilities across Chesterfield County? CUMC has collaborated with Chesterfield County Mental Health Support Services for more than 10 years to spread smiles to those in need. We have nearly 100 adults on our list again this year. To select an individual to adopt for Christmas, visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49ADA82FA7FE3-sharing>. A limited number of gift tags are available on the tree in the Atrium for those who do not have internet access. (These individuals are NOT on the online list.) Place your wrapped gifts under the tree no later than **Thursday, December 16**. Be sure to label the gift(s) with the ID # on the signup tag.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR VETERANS

While you are writing your Christmas cards, please write a Christmas card or two to a veteran at McGuire Hospital. Write a note inside thanking him/her for their service to our country or say "We'll never forget" or that you'll pray for them and hope they feel better. Put your cards in the labeled box in the Sharing Bin outside the Atrium by Sunday, **December 19**. Cards may be addressed to "A Special Veteran" or "Especially for You" or "To Someone Special", etc. Only sign your first name. Do not seal the envelopes.

Thank you for remembering our brave veterans and their sacrifices for our country. POC Barbara MacIntyre 748-0775

Looking ahead! We will be collecting cards for:

- Valentine's Day due February 6.
- Easter due April 6.
- Memorial Day due May 22.
- 4th of July due June 26.
- *More opportunities to send cards later.*



STEPHEN MINISTRY MOMENT— Happy Holidays

Walk into any store and you cannot miss the holiday cheer. It's all around us. The decorations, the merchandise calling out to us, "buy me, buy me!" Baking cookies with Grandma, reading Christmas stories, choosing a gift for someone we love, and going to our Christmas worship services and Cantata. These are a few of the many activities that keep us busy during the Holidays. Our brothers and sisters of different faiths have their own traditions that they look forward to with just as much anticipation.

But not everyone feels this way. For someone who has lost a loved one, it will be their first Christmas without that person. After a divorce, it can feel so empty. If you have lost your job, how can you buy presents for your kids? Whatever loss has occurred in someone's life—for them, holidays can be a very painful time. Most people don't want to spoil the fun for others, so they keep their feeling to themselves. That is when a Stephen Minister can be such a wonderful person to lean on. You can meet weekly with someone who cares deeply about your well-being and will keep all you say in the strictest confidence.

Please pray for all those who may not be looking forward to the Holidays this year. Give them a call, send them a card, and tell them about our Blue Christmas Service on December 19 at 3:00 PM. You can also suggest that they ask for a Stephen Minister by calling the Church Office at 804-748-6006.

Who are the Stephen Ministers here at CUMC? We thought it was a perfect time to show you exactly who we are!



Seated in the front row are Ginger Chadwick, Martha Miles, and Beth Powner. Claudia Nagy is standing between Martha and Beth. Behind her are Tim Stewart, Beth Stewart, Linda D'Agostino and Vince D'Agostino. And standing in the very back is Dennis Janderwski. Not pictured are Dale Clark and Steve Osborne.

Happy Holidays from all of us to all of you. Please call the office if you think you would like a Stephen Minister to talk to during this season or any time.

BLOOD DRIVE—Book Your Appointment Today!

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Monday, May 16, 2022

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

11:00 AM—4:00 PM
Davis Fellowship Hall

The need is great! Book your appointment today at www.redcrossblood.org.

At our drive on November 17, we registered 27 donors, 2 of which were first time donors, and we collected 29 units!



SMALL GROUPS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

SUNDAY

Middle and High School Youth Sunday School

9:45 AM, Annex

POC: Dale (fungoboy77@gmail.com) and Karen Clark (klslark51@gmail.com)

Fresh Start Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Room 205

POC: Susan Petrey (susanmpetrey@gmail.com)

Journey Sunday School Class

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

POC: Eric Houglan (ehouglan88@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 Group

6:30 PM, Room 226

POC: Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

Resumes January 16.

WEDNESDAY

Joy Unspeakable Small Group

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

POC: Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

Resumes in January 2022.

THURSDAY

Morning Men's Group

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

POC: Vann Stanfield (vannstan34@gmail.com)

SEEKERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

You are cordially invited to join the Seekers Sunday School Class as we take a little break from our study of the Holy Spirit and have an Advent study (5 Sundays) called "Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam" by James W. Moore. We will begin our study on November 28 and go through December 26, in Room 226 (above the Music Suite) at 9:45 AM. POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

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 the first Sunday of Advent, November 28, we will pause "Jerk," and take up "Incarnation." Learn the meaning behind the names of Christ and the difference He makes in our lives this Christmas. Be Transformed this Advent Season! His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and the angels addressed him by other names. In "Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas," best-selling author Adam Hamilton examines the names of Christ used by the gospel writers, exploring the historical and personal significance of his birth.
- Resuming Sunday, January 2, "If God is Love, Don't be a Jerk" by John Pavlovitz. Thou Shalt Not be Horrible—Imagine if people of faith aspired to this mantra and daily challenged ourselves to live a faith that simply made us better humans. This book explores how we can embody a kinder spirituality where we humbly examine our beliefs to understand how they might compel us to act in less-than-loving ways toward others.

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

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE-Year End Giving

by Bryon and Josefa Wall

THANK YOU for your pledges to the 2022 General Fund of Chester UMC!!! Your faithful investment in the church's missions and ministries is certain to make a positive impact!

Can you believe another year has passed and we're planning our year-end giving? A statistic we find interesting is 31% of all annual giving to charities occurs in December. If you are like us, your mailbox and email inbox are flooded with requests for donations. Food, clothing, time, money, cars, boats, bequests, on and on and on. For many, this causes sensory overload and unsettling perplexity. With over 1.5 million nonprofits registered in the USA, we understand how easy it is for that to happen.



Deciding where to give and how to give should not be stressful. Follow your heart. Give to what is important to you. Give to what helps you express your faith. As you consider your year-end giving, we ask that you prayerfully choose to include the church and increase your support for the church's missions and ministries. Join us in doing something you will feel good about.

For 2022, we're excited to work with the church's Endowment Committee to bring you informative estate planning and planned giving strategies. We want everyone to be well prepared. Send us any questions you may have or topics you would like to see covered. Email us at abqwalls@comcast.net or call Bryon at 678-642-2788 (cell).

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY UPDATE

To date, we have received **112 Pledge Cards promising to give \$548,392.00** to God's work through Chester UMC in 2022! *If you have not turned in your Pledge Card, please drop it in the offering plate or mail to the church.* Thank you to all who brought covered dishes and/or helped with the Stewardship Luncheon to celebrate God's goodness. Fabulous food and fine fellowship were enjoyed by all who attended.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

The preschool was able to host a Thanksgiving program and luncheon this year, and what a turn out! It was so great to see everyone back in the building for fellowship and getting to know one another. The children did very well singing their songs and then they started learning their Christmas songs for our Christmas program. We are truly blessed to be able to offer these events this year. The children also participated in their annual ministry of Children helping Children by bringing in donations for the Backpack Ministry. November and December pass by so quickly as we are so very busy, but then comes January and we are able to get back on track after a break. We thank you for your continued support and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and the Happiest and Healthiest New Year.



SHOP AMAZON SMILE

Start your shopping at 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. **The organization number for CUMC is NQ698.** Feel free to contact the Church Office if you need assistance.



BOYS TO MEN PROGRAM

Need some work done around your home or business? Want to make a positive impact on your community? Interested in providing an opportunity for boys to develop into men? Then consider supporting the Chesterfield County Police Department's Boys to Men Program.

The Chesterfield County PD is seeking individuals or businesses to host their Boys to Men Program. Community Officers from the police department chaperone 8 to 10 young men in service projects like minor home repairs, trash clean up, landscaping and yard work. The work counts toward community service time needed for school credit, but more importantly helps to build skills, good character, and an attitude of teamwork for the participants.

Because the young men are in school, the projects need to be scheduled on Saturdays or during school breaks. A typical amount of time spent during each project is three to four hours. Advanced notice is required as three to four weeks are needed to make appropriate arrangements for project approval, transportation, and parental consent.

If you are interested in hosting the Boys to Men Program at your home or business please contact Missions Team Chair Eric Houglund at 804-212-7857 or ehouglund88@gmail.com

REST STOP

The 2021-2022 Rest Stop Program has begun. We are pleased to announce that we currently have eight young people, who have come to find peace and joy each Tuesday afternoon. The county social worker believes our numbers will increase by the end of the school year. It is our hope that all of these participants will be as successful as the original enrollees and that we see the program's roster continue to grow and enlarge each year after.



In addition, we are introducing a Youth Ambassador component to our weekly program activities. The plan is to allow High School Youth from Chester United Methodist Church to act as role models and mentors to our participants.

Please be on the lookout for further announcements over the holiday season!

How do you get involved?

- You can make a monetary contribution to Chester United Methodist Church. Simply put Rest Stop in the memo line.
- You can cook a meal.
- You can adopt a student for special gifts during the school year.
- You can chaperone in van during pickups and/or drop offs.
- You can be an academic tutor.
- You can teach life skills.

Contact Terri Dombroski (profet2d@aol.com) or Bobby Henderson (rhen6020@gmail.com) for questions and concerns.



TACKY LIGHT WALK/RUN

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

Join the CUMC Better Together Elf Crew for the Saturday, December 11, Sports Backers family 6K Tacky Light Walk/Run. Registration at <https://runsignup.com/Race/Register/RaceGroup-961423?raceId=49905>

Cost : \$32/adult and \$14/ ages 4-12. (Prices go up soon.)

POC: Natalie Galarza (familygalarza05@gmail.com).

Let me know you're joining the fun!

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation begins in January! Do you have a tween or teen who is asking questions about faith? Confirmation is a path for our youth to rise up and take the faith as their own. Contact the Church Office to *sign up before December 19*. Class Sessions will take place at 4 PM on January 16, 30, February 13, and 27.



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, November 29, 6:00 PM at the Petreys. We will wrap presents for our Chesterfield Colonial Heights Christmas Mother children and have dinner together. 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, December 9, 10:30 AM in Room 226. If you are willing to provide a few dozen cookies for the UMW cookie sale following the Cantata, please bring them at this time. We will celebrate the season with a pot luck luncheon. No restrictions—sandwiches, salads, desserts, whatever! Call Martha Miles, 748-5476, for more information.
- The **Jean Craig Fellowship** will meet on Monday, January 3, 7:00 PM in Room 205. We will begin work again on our teddy bears for the New Year. We welcome any women who are looking for an evening circle. Call Susan Petrey for details.
- **Salad Luncheon**—All Women of the Church are invited to a luncheon meeting of the UMW Sunday, January 16, immediately following 11 o'clock worship. Our program will be presented by Kim Southerland, Director of the Pregnancy Resource Center of Metro Richmond. Come and learn more about the nearly 40 years of commitment this organization has provided for those unprepared for pregnancy. The PRC provides both men and women resources to help them make life affirming choices. 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.

Cookies Needed!!!—The UMW will be selling Homemade Christmas Cookies by the Tin in the Fellowship Hall following both worship services on Sunday, December 12. UMWomen and members of the congregation, please commit to donate homemade cookies. Call or email Katey McCarney, 402-0084 or ks.petrey@gmail.com, and leave your name, a phone number, how many dozen and what kind of cookie you will prepare. Cookies should be delivered to the church kitchen on Saturday, December 11, 9:00 AM—12:00 PM. Questions? Call Katey McCarney, 402-0084.

Cookie Tins Needed!—As you pack up your Christmas decorations, please wash and donate your cookie tins. The UMW Cookie sale earned \$910 from the sale of Homemade Christmas Cookies in 2019. Thanks to everyone who purchased cookies and especially to those who baked and donated cookies. Proceeds will go to support our gifts to local, national, and international missions, including, but not limited to, our CUMC food pantry, United Methodist Family Services, Branches, and the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Please place clean cookie tins in the designated bin in the Missions Closet. Call Katey McCarney, 402-0082 for more information.



December 2021

December 05 - Service Sunday 12:00 PM

December 12 - Christmas Musical 8:30 & 11 AM
Christmas Cookie Sale
Paint Party 5:00 PM

December 14 - Christmas Musical 7:00 PM

December 19 - Blue Christmas Service 3:00 PM
Christmas Party 3:00 PM

December 24 - Family Friendly Worship 3:00 PM
Candlelight Communion 7:00 PM
Candlelight Communion 10:00 PM

December 26 - ONE Worship Service 11:00 AM
Sunday School will meet at 9:45 AM

Historical Sanctuary Notecards for Sale: Notecards that depict each of our four sanctuaries since the inception of Chester United Methodist Church are for sale in the Church Office—8 cards and envelopes for \$10. On the inside of the card is a scripture, and on the back is a synopsis of the history of the church at that time and its location. We hope you will support the History Committee as we prepare and plan for our 150th Anniversary. Please make your check payable to CUMC Memo: History Notecards.



A Wonderful Stocking Stuffer!—Chester UMC Rose Window Notecards: The Rose Window was dedicated in 1957, it was installed in the Atrium following the 2007 renovation, and now you can share our Rose Window with friends and relatives! CUMC Rose Window Notecards will be sold weekdays in the Church Office. The cost is \$10 per package of 10 cards plus envelopes. Proceeds will benefit the Chester United Methodist Women's pledge to mission. Make checks payable to Chester UMW. Call Susan Petrey for details, 938-5396.

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Family Christmas Paint Party: Sunday, December 12, 5:00 PM. Join us in the fellowship hall to create a beautiful painting of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. All ages are welcomed. Please notify Charlotte Brummette (CHARL208@yahoo.com) with the number of attendees or register in the pew pad.

Children's Christmas Party! Sunday, December 19, 3:00-5:00 PM. Calling all kids 5th grade and younger (and their parents) to join us for an afternoon of holiday cheer! Wear your favorite Christmas shirt or sweater and come ready to start off the fun with some caroling with the CUMC Middle and High School Youth. After caroling we will return to the fellowship hall to enjoy cookies, cocoa, holiday coloring, and games!

Children and Family Friendly Christmas Eve Service:

3:00 PM December 24, in the Sanctuary

Join us as we explore the WONDER of the season thru an interactive nativity where YOU literally become a part of this magical Christmas story! Join us for music, fun, and maybe even a few surprises...

No rehearsal or preparation needed!

Children and Families of ALL ages are welcome.

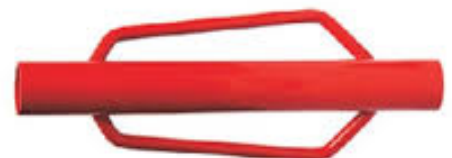
Mark your calendars! Super Bowl Sunday, February 13, noon, Super Bowl Soup

Luncheon: Join us for good food and fellowship. Proceeds will go to the United Methodist Women's pledge to mission. The whole congregation is invited to join us for a soup luncheon immediately following 11 o'clock worship. The menu includes several heartwarming soups, corn muffins, desserts, and beverages. The cost at the door is \$6 per person. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for more information.



MISSING

If you borrowed the red metal post hammer, please return it to the church ASAP!



GET INVOLVED!

Here are a variety of ways you can serve God at Chester UMC!

Worship Committee and Altar Guild Do you like to decorate? Would you be willing to help prepare for the services on Sunday? Now that we are having three regular services, we need help decorating the altar, changing paraments, and setting up communion (usually on the 1st Sunday of the month). You can choose to do this every month or only once a year, according to your schedule and the best time for you. If you would like to help decorate please notify Penn Shultz (804-720-1415 / penn.shultz@hotmail.com). To help prepare communion please contact Marian Garrett (804-768-0405 / marian8521@aol.com.) These are two special ways you can serve. Thank you for your help!

Calling All Scrapbookers! The History Committee has a project to transfer photos from old albums to an acid-free, museum-quality environment. We need your help! The plan is for us to meet—possibly two "shifts" of folks in Room 220 one or two days a week until we have completed the job. This is being done anticipating our 150th Anniversary of Chester United Methodist Church to be celebrated beginning in January 2023! Depending on the response, we may begin after Thanksgiving, before Christmas. Or, if preferred, we may decide it better to begin the first week in January. Your feedback on that is appreciated. Please register in the pew pad or contact Mary Musselwhite at (804)330-0014.

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 contact Sherri Morris (smorris787@aol.com) to discover how you can help and to sign up.

Nursery Volunteers Needed: Please volunteer to serve on a rotation schedule (at 8:30 AM and 9:45 AM) with our paid nursery professional, Alistia Mabry. Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D44ACAE2DA75-nursery>. POC: Pastor Chad Beck

Donations for CUMC Food Pantry: THANK YOU, CHURCH and Cub Scout Pack 2815 which donated 2 of every item on our list. Please consider donating goods or money weekly to help us keep our pantry well stocked for the many clients we serve. (Checks payable to CUMC; Memo: Food Pantry). Refer to the bulletin list of items needed.

Welcome Baby Ministry: We have been blessed with several births in our church family in recent months and our Welcome Baby supply has dwindled considerably. We ask for your donations of handmade baby blankets They are so beloved by our families with newborns. If you do not knit, crochet, or sew, we need donations of LARGE gift bags for babies and pastel tissue paper. Please leave all donations in the labeled bin in the Missions Closet. POC Sue Matthews (spmattthews8788@gmail.com; 804-439-3145.)

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX PROJECT UPDATE:

THANK YOU, CHURCH, for your radical generosity. We collected 178 shoe boxes for the children (age 2-12) in the Greenleigh Mobile Home Community, including 20 shoeboxes from Grace Lutheran Church on Harrowgate Road.

POC: Linda D'Agostino
(lindabella@comcast.net)



THANK YOU NOTES

Dear CUMC,

Mother and Daddy (Dollie and Malcolm Stone) would like to thank CUMC folks for their lovely cards, kind calls, and visits following Daddy's stroke and rehab at Johnston Willis. He is home now with physical therapy, working on recovering as is Mother (she fell on one of her visits to the hospital and fractured a vertebrae). They are both taking it slowly and keeping up their spirits. Continued prayers for both are appreciated by us all. Thank you!!

~Barbara Rollins

Dear CUMC,

Many thanks to all who wrote/made cards for the veterans at McGuire Hospital. I had cards from November 2020 when the hospital did not take cards because of COVID. Along with this year's cards, we took 268 cards and 71 calendars to the veterans! Wow! THANK YOU, CUMC!

~Barbara MacIntyre

To the Bereavement Committee,

On behalf of my family, I would like to thank you for setting up and providing the family and guests with such a wonderful event after Judy's funeral service. Everyone enjoyed it and the food was really nice. It was so nice to have this event taken care of and opportunity to relax a little and "meet and greet." Thank you.

~Jim Dyson

Dear CUMC,

I want to say a special thank you for your continued prayers, visits, phone calls, and all of the support you have given me through the years. I don't know where I would be today without this church family. I am grateful for each and every one of you.

~Cathy Chase

Dear CUMC,

On behalf of the McGuire VA Medical Center patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of various cards and calendars. It is through the efforts of community partners like you that allow us to continue the quality care and services that we seek to provide for our deserving Veterans. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you again for future events. Thank you for your continued support. Sincerely,

~Kristy Rene Coie-Day (Chief, Center for Development & Civic Engagement (CDCE))

BIRTHS

Avery Leigh Matthews and Brynn Michele Matthews were born on November 18, 2021. Avery weighs 4lbs 15 oz and Brynn 4lbs 5 oz.

Parents: Russell & Christine Matthews

Paternal Grandmother: Sue Matthews

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Earl Tatum
Sue Matthews

In Memory of Gerry Miller
Peggy Tunstall

DEATHS

Earl Menefee Tatum
April 3, 1925 - October 11, 2021

Judy Carolyn Wheeler Dyson
July 12, 1946 - November 7, 2021

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December Birthdays

December 1

Nathan Decker
Barbara Goodwyn
Taylor Hall
Erik Johnston
Sherri Morris
David Pirog
Robert Stanfield

December 2

Richard Fox
Amy Harris
Andy Steck

December 3

Allan Buccola
Clifford Gilpin
Pamela Graham
Helen Jones
Daniel Vilak

December 4

Mike Browder
Darlene Emerson
Edie Fails
Shelby Floyd
Erica Hall
David Patterson
Charles Stewart
Robin Willingham

December 5

Audrey Freed

December 6

Kathleen Amsel
Reinhard Birk
William Gibson
Stephen Higgins
John Martin
Hailey Parisi
Robin Simpkins

December 7

Edward Barrell
Benjamin Morrison
Kelly Waring
Bill Zimmerman

December 8

Laura Blood
Teddy Brame
Bob Comer
Drewry Jackson
Violet Gilliatt
Diane Jones
Natalie Smith Waddill
Dennis Zeiters

December 9

John Bishop
Kim Sink
Bryon Wall
Katelyn Waring

December 10

William Hudson
Christopher Irving
Theodore Stone

December 11

Emily Johnson
Julie Koob
Brooke Lee
Mary Willis

December 12

Catherine Allen
Beatrix Ford
Kinsley Johnston
Micah Johnston
Ron King
Billy Koob
Sandra Marshall
Micah Poulsen
Mitchell Poulsen
Jonathan Rollins
Stephanie Watson

December 13

Laura Barker
Susan Buzzee
Abigail Gilliatt
Mark Hankey
Jennifer Jernigan
Brian Lashley
William Rhea
Sonya Swiney
Sonia Zwennes

December 14

Jennifer Chadwick
George Johnson
June Jones
Krista Manuel
Kevin Martin
Barbara Watters

December 15

Tracy Beaver
Rebecca Bernacki
Lisa Clark
Graham Daniels
Barton Gibson

December 16

Scott Edwards

December 17

Frank Baylor
Katrina Castleberry
Tristan Goodman
Tom Murdock

December 18

Brooke Davis
Jenna Davis
Conner Deckert
Diane Duffy
Aislyn Fisher-Turner
Bryan Graham
Maura Graham
Michael Jenkins
Robert Russell
Hunter Zoller

December 19

John Gray
Lindsay LeSueur
Carole Russell

December 20

Linda Mottley
Wesley Munchel
Shirley Parrish

December 21

Betty Marie Irving
Michael Kelley

December 22

Lesley Anderson
Jordan Beckner
Megan Johnston
Alexander Mason
Taylor Stone II
Charles Williams
Justin Willis

December 23

Ralph Dunnivant
Eden Harper
Jamie Zeiters

December 24

Gordon Jones
Kristin Lowe
Tracy Ross

December 25

Benjamin Ellis
Aaron Jernigan
Meredith Swinson

December 26

Mindy Crawford
Charles Doyle

December 27

John Cook
Diane Mannetta
Joshua Manuel

December 28

Aubrey Arntson
Sari Eapen
Sierra Lannan

December 29

Paula Branch
Betty Davis
Andrew Frank
Carl McCormac
Morgan Mick
Russell Micou
Carol Pawluk
Doug Pike

December 30

Corabelle Esch
Elijah Harmon

December 31

Paula Bengé

January Birthdays

January 1

Joyce Battle
Jeanne Givens
Barbara Rollins
Bill Wisegarver
James Woolard

January 2

Brittany Levin
Robert Martinko
Michael Winn

January 3

Victoria Gaffney
Gail King
Sharon Larew
Craig Seal
Sophia Verghese

January 4

Christina Chern
John Dodd
Lauren Hill
Frank Smith

January 5

Chelsea Buyalos
Richard Campbell
Bill Comer
Isabel Jones

January 6

Luke Carson
Taylor Jernigan
Caroline Johnson
Liam Johnston
Travis Miller
Madeline Read
Nina Whittleton

January 7

John Degraba
Rae Ann Janderwski

January 8

Melissa Moore

January 9

Donna Dennis
Victoria Harrington
Madison Lenz
Madison Vaughan

January 10

Patricia Bernas
Wayne Haley
Christopher Irving
Matthew Johnson-Ebert
Colin Kiebler
Jack Kirwan
Amelia Morgan
Rebecca Murphy

January 11

Cole Irving
Russell Matthews
Berend Sarver

January 12

James Bowles
Megan Davis
Laura Davis
Janean Trimble

January 13

Aubyn Anderson
Katherine Banty
Nancy Baylor
Jessica Gray
Stephen Hetrick
Anne Johnson
Tamera Krukiel

January 14

Lisa Anderson
Rebecca Chitwood
Delaney Coyner
Frances Martin
Sam Perdue
Morgan Trimble
Owen Trimble

January 15

Taylor Bernas
Richard Bowers
Catherine Rhea
Dorothy Zoller

January 16

Harold Boettcher
Christopher Brummette
Scott Byer
Lila Farrell
John Radford
Jolyn Topping
Sean Williams
Darrin Zoller

January 17

Bruce Cavey
Katelyn DePhillip
David Ferry
Mallory Flores
Monte Nagy

January 18

Samuel Bartlett
Linda Pritchard
Presley Roy

January 19

Susan DePhillip
Connor Jacka
Leia Verghese

January 20

Amelia Wisniewski

January 21

Lillian Anderson
Margaret Bodenhamer
Christopher Peck
Glen Silvey
Meghan Watkins

January 22

Zach Baker
Megan Clarke
Diane Merryman
Craig Wisniewski
Edward Zaunick

January 23

Michael Barker
Stephanie Cull
Roberta Eddy

January 24

Cabel Allen
William Brummette
Jim Shelburne
Tatiana Sizemore
Jachlyn Stewart
Bracelynn Stone
Dexter Wood

January 25

Cathy Epps
Tyler Marshall
Grayson Smith

January 26

Tracey Canipe
Jeffrey Crampton
Lynn Crump
Christian Goodfellow
Zak Goodwyn
Sally Johnson
Ann Stuart
Wendy Walker
Alan Woodard

January 27

Augustine Allen
Sora Arpin
Michelle Bryant
Bailey Jacka
Wendell Landis
Robert Partin
Judith Thomas

January 28

Clint Davis
Alan Schlottman

January 29

George Bryant
Jason Deckert
Noah Hughes
Kriston Seward
Charles Sibley

January 30

Lois Cain
Brian Davis
Melody DePhillip
George Fisher
David Miles
Jean Morrison
Wayne Virag

January 31

Sandra Graham
Ann Stanfield
William Waterson



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