

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE: Sunday, December 26, at 11:00 AM. Nursery provided. Fresh Start, Seekers, and Senior Singles Adult Sunday School classes will meet at 9:45 AM. The Journey Adult Class, Children's Class, and Youth Sunday School classes will not meet. (Ms. Carrie hopes to see all our children in their pajamas at the one combined 11:00 AM service!)

PIZZA, FAMILY FUN, and BOARD GAMES! Sunday, **January 9**, 5:30 PM in Davis Fellowship Hall. Looking for something to do this cold winter? Bring your favorite board game to the church to play with the church family. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Register in the pew pad if you plan to attend.

CONFIRMATION 2022 is a time for youth to explore what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and claim the faith as their own. The dates for this year's sessions are **January 16, 30, February 13, and 27** at 4:00 PM at the Annex. *Please register in the pew pad if you have a youth who is asking faith questions or is ready to take the faith as their own.* POCs: Rev. Nathan Decker (nathandecker@chesterumc.org) and Rev. Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

CONNECTIONS Interested in joining our church or simply learning more about CUMC? **January 9, 16, 23, & 30**, from 9:45–10:45 AM, in Room 116. Our Goal is to offer you an opportunity to explore and learn more about God at Chester UMC by planting yourself in a small group and growing through the conversation that will truly bear fruit. *Register in the pew pad if you plan to attend.*

Bishop Lewis' 2022 Bible Challenge: In the New Year, join the Virginia United Methodist Conference in reading the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. A daily reading list is provided at the conference website at <https://vaumc.org/2022biblechallenge/>, or you may pick up a copy of the list in the Church Office.

UMCOR for Tornado Relief: 100% of contributions to United Methodist Committee on Relief go to disaster relief efforts. Make checks payable to CUMC (Memo: UMCOR). You may also contribute online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/901670/>.

January 2 Children's Sunday School: 9:30 – 10:45 AM in Davis Fellowship Hall. We will be talking about Epiphany and the wise men! How do we show love and light to lead people to Jesus like the star led the wise men? We are excited to have a guest teacher join us! **Debi Graves**, owner of Alma Bella Academy, will be leading a craft to go with our Bible lesson. It would help her plan supplies if you could RSVP for Sunday School for that day, but it is not required! *Please register in the pew pad or RSVP to the church office at cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org.* Children's Sunday School (ages PreK through 5th grade) meets in the fellowship with games from the end of Fresh Start until 10 AM when we begin our Bible lessons. All are welcome! Carrie Coyner is our lead children's teacher and can be contacted at carriecoyner@gmail.com.

OFFICE HOURS: The Church Office will be closed on December 27, 30, and 31.



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7:00 PM and 10:00 PM ~ December 24, 2021

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Christmas Eve 7:00 PM
and 10:00 PM

Please sign the red attendance register and pass it to your neighbor.

Welcome

Chimes

Prelude

Fire in the Sky

Chancel Choir

* Call to Worship

Leader: Light this candle for Christ.

People: Christ, the Child who gives us Hope.

Leader: Christ, the Promised Prince of Peace.

People: Christ to whom the Angels sing, "Joy unspeakable!"

Leader: Christ, God's Love, Emmanuel, God with us.

Jesus, Love divine that came down from heaven.

People: Jesus, Joy that awakens each heart this night.

Leader: Jesus, Peace to quell the fears and wars of humanity.

People: Jesus, Hope in this darkness.

Leader: God lights this candle for you and me.

God lights this candle giving us the best gift possible.

God lights this candle to comfort us in the warmth of hope and joy.

God lights this candle to shine peace and guide us to love in the dark of night.

God, light this candle for Christmas, and may its flame never extinguish.

People: Amen.

* Lighting of the Christ Candle

Samantha Black (7:00 PM)

Wesley Munchel (10:00 PM)

* Opening Hymn No. 238

Angels We Have Heard On High

Prayer

Lord of light, the dark is not dark to you for you are a God who births light into the world. We are a people who live in darkness. We seek your light in our life to give us sight, to give us meaning, to give us salvation. Be born this night in us Christ-light. Coo in the manger of our hearts. Glow so bright that day overcomes night and all the world may see you, Christ Child. Amen.

Special Music

All Is Well

Charles & Cheryl Green

Why We Give

Offertory

Away in a Manger

Jack Price

