

## Good King Wenceslas

Good King Wenceslas looked out on the feast of Stephen  
When the snow lay round about deep and crisp and even  
Brightly shone the moon that night though the frost was cruel  
When a poor man came in sight gath'ring winter fuel

Hither page and stand by me if thou know'st it telling  
Yonder peasant who is he where and what his dwelling  
Sire he lives a good league hence underneath the mountain  
Right against the forest fence by Saint Agnes' fountain

Bring me flesh and bring me wine bring me pine logs hither  
Thou and I will see him dine when we bear them thither  
Page and monarch forth they went forth they went together  
Through the rude wind's wild lament and the bitter weather

Sire the night is darker now and the wind blows stronger  
Fails my heart I know not how I can go no longer  
Mark my footsteps good my page tread thou in them boldly  
Thou shalt find the winter's rage freeze thy blood less coldly

In his master's steps he trod where the snow laid dinted  
Heat was in the very sod which the Saint had printed  
Therefore Christian men be sure wealth or rank possessing  
Ye who now will bless the poor shall yourselves find blessing

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*A Community in Christ*

**Chester United Methodist Church**

*Rooted in God, Growing in Christ, Bearing Fruit in the Spirit*

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**Sunday, December 26, 2021 – 11:00 AM Worship**

*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!*

**CUMC Christmas Sharing Tree Update:** CUMC has collaborated with Chesterfield Mental Health Support Services for more than 10 years to provide Christmas cheer to developmentally challenged adults. Thank you, Church, for providing Christmas for all 87 of this year's folks.

**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](mailto:nathandecker@chesterumc.org)) and Rev. Chad Beck ([chadbeck@chesterumc.org](mailto: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/>.

**Leading Our Worship TODAY, December 26, 2021**

**Greeters:** 9:55 TBA  
11:00 Marian Perkinson, Andy & Eileen Steck  
**Ushers:** 11:00 Gordon Morris\*, Jim Watkins, Emory Large, Tommy Petrey, Don Schmidt  
\* Indicates Head Usher  
**Nursery:** 9:55, 11:00 Staff Member, Alistia Mabry, plus a church volunteer

**KEEP IN PRAYER:** family of Rev. George M. Pearson, Jr.; Debbie Freed; Malcolm & Dollie Stone; Dr. Floyd Moore; family of Sandra Buyalos (Skip’s mother); family of Molly (Dianna Poulsen’s guide dog); Becky & Eddie Leonard; Lynn Crump; Aaron Anderson; Nancy Murdock; Beth Powner; Cathy Chase; Aaron Anderson; family of Janet Nagy (mother of Monte Nagy); Dennis Knaack; Janean Trimble; Marylou Cumby; Forrest [and June] Garrett; Clara Dyson (mother of Jim Dyson); Doug and Clara Gestwick.

**Our Presence December 19, 2021**

Online..... 12  
Fresh Start ..... 87  
Bridge Service..... 61  
Traditions ..... 131  
**Total Worship Attendance ..... 291**  
**Blue Christmas Service..... 19**

**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> to POC: Pastor Chad Beck

**Contemplative Prayer Group** meets weekly on **Thursdays at 11:00 AM** in the Church Parlor. We read scripture and then practice using silence to focus, pray, and connect with God. Please join us. It is a small group, and we practice social distancing. If you have questions, contact Lisa Stanfield ([lisajostanfield@gmail.com](mailto:lisajostanfield@gmail.com))

**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 ([spmatthews8788@gmail.com](mailto:spmatthews8788@gmail.com); 804-439-3145.)

**LOOKING AHEAD**

- January 2:** Sunday School: 9:45 AM  
Worship services: 8:30 AM, 9:55 AM, 11:00 AM
- January 9:** 1<sup>st</sup> of 4 CONNECTIONS Sessions (then Jan. 16, 23, and 30)  
Family Board Game Night, 5:30 – 8:00 PM
- January 16:** 1<sup>st</sup> of 4 Confirmation Sessions (then Jan. 30, Feb.13, and Feb.27)
- January 30:** Allison Speer, all three worship services
- February 6:** Children’s Chili Cook Off
- February 13:** Super Bowl Soup Luncheon sponsored by UMW, noon

**CALENDAR**  
*December 26- January 2, 2021*

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

Today: 9:30 AM NO Children’s Sun Sch-  
 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School  
 (refer to list)  
 NO Youth Sun Sch.-Annex  
 10:00 AM Online Worship–Facebook  
 11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc  
 4:00 PM NO MS/HS Youth  
 Mon. 6:30 PM NO Cub/Boy Scouts  
 Tues.: 10:30 AM NO Joy Singers  
 3:30 PM NO Rest Stop  
 Wed.: NO Chancel Choir  
 Thurs.: OFFICE CLOSED  
 7:30 AM Men’s Group–First Watch  
 11:00 AM NO Contemplative Prayer  
 1:30 PM NO Prayer Shawl- Parlor  
 Fri.: OFFICE CLOSED

Sat.:

**Next Sunday:**

**January 2, 2022**

8:30 AM Nursery until 12:15 PM  
 Fresh Start Service  
 9:30 AM Children’s Sun Sch-DFH  
 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School  
 Youth Sun Sch.-Annex  
 9:55 AM Bridge Service-Sanc  
 10:00 AM Online Worship  
 11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc  
 3:00 PM Key Club-DFH  
 4:00 PM NO MS/HS Youth

**Need a Nametag?** Contact Terry ([cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org](mailto:cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org)) or register in the pew pad. 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).

**Leading Our Worship NEXT Sunday, January 2, 2022**

**Greeters:** 8:30 Maureen Coker  
 9:55 Stephanie Decker  
 11:00 Sharon Buchanan  
**Ushers:** 8:30 Dave Coker\*, Ron Dombrowski, JR Irvin \* Indicates Head Usher  
 9:55 Linda D’Agostino\*, Diane Medina  
 11:00 Gordon Jones\*, Scott Pugh, Vann Stanfield, Beth & Tim Stewart  
**Nursery:** 8:30, 9:55, 11:00 Staff Member, Alistia Mabry, plus a church volunteer

CHESTER UMC FAMILY MINISTRY

# FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Sunday, January 9 - 5:30 PM

Davis Fellowship Hall

Pizza and drinks provided

Bring your favorite board game!

PIZZA, FAMILY FUN, AND  
BOARD GAMES

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**DATE**

January 2  
January 9  
January 16  
January 23

**SERMON TITLE**

*Hiding Our Candle*  
*Lifted Up to Humility*  
*Restoring Human Dignity and Pride*  
*God's Dream for CUMC Disciples*

**SCRIPTURE**

Isaiah 60:1-6 *The Voice*  
Philippians 2: 1-11 *NIRV*  
Genesis 21:8-21 *NRSV*  
John 15:5-11 *Passion*

## SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

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

9:45 AM, Room 205

*Incarnation* by Adam Hamilton

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

### **NO Journey Sunday School Class on December 26**

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

Shalon: "Peace" Advent Word Study

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

*Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam* by James W. Moore

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

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

9:45 AM, Parlor

*Faithful* by Adam Hamilton

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

### **Witness Group**

6:30 PM, Room 226

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

*Class will resume January 16.*

### **NO Middle and High School Youth Sunday School on December 26**

9:45 AM, Annex Loft

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

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**WEDNESDAY Online Study Group:** 12:00 PM, Google Meet. *Class will resume January 19, 2022.* 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))

**Children's Sunday School** will not meet TODAY.

**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](mailto: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 [carriecoynere@gmail.com](mailto:carriecoynere@gmail.com).

**Online Giving:** Scan the QR code with your smartphone to contribute online or visit [www.chesterumc.org](http://www.chesterumc.org) and click "Online Giving."



**Stewardship Update:** To date, we have received 123 Pledge Cards promising to give **\$578,772.00** 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.*

**Join the Fresh Start Sunday School Class in Study, Fellowship and Service:**

- Please join us today, December 26, to enjoy cookies and Christmas stories.
- Join us January 2 as we study "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.

The Fresh Start Class meets every Sunday morning at 9:45 in room 205 (across the hall from the church library). Visitors and new members are always welcome. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for more information.

**Seekers Sunday School Class:** You are cordially invited to join us November 28 through December 26 at 9:45 AM in Room 226 (above the Music Suite) for our Advent study, "Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam" by James W. Moore. POC: Barbara MacIntyre ([telluwhatbarbara@aim.com](mailto:telluwhatbarbara@aim.com))

**Cookie Tins Needed!**—As you unpack your Christmas decorations, please donate your cookie tins. The UMW Cookie sale earned \$910 from the sale of Homemade Christmas Cookies in 2019. Please place cookie tins in the designated bin in the Missions Closet. POC: Katey McCarney, 402-0082.