

the bridge

March 6, 2022

9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Boundless Love
Where Could I Go?
Glory to His Name
Jesus Built This Church On Love

SPECIAL MUSIC

Worth the Price
Joshua Wortham

SCRIPTURE

Micah 6:1-8
NRSV

MESSAGE

“How to Avoid Being Sued by God”
Rev. Nathan Decker

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>SERMON TITLE</u> | <u>SCRIPTURE</u> | |
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| March 13 | <i>Holier than Thou...Who is Thou?</i> | Matthew 5:13-20 | <i>CEB</i> |
| March 20 | <i>Putting on the Glasses of Repentance</i> | Mark 1:9-15 | <i>NRSV</i> |
| March 27 | <i>Single Disciple ISO Cross to Take Up</i> | Matthew 16:21-26 | <i>CEB</i> |
| April 3 | <i>Ask, Seek, Knock</i> | Matthew 7:7-14 | <i>NRSV</i> |

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*Focus Worship on God
Seek Spirit-led Discipleship
Embrace Diversity
Love Children and Families
Positively Impact Community*



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FRESH START SERVICE

March 6, 2022—8:30 AM



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

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You Are Good
Glory to God Forever
Offering
Courageous
I Will Follow

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CALENDAR
March 6-13, 2022

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

Preschool Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 AM-1:30 PM

Today: 8:30 AM Nursery until 12:15 PM
 Fresh Start Service-DFH
 9:30 AM Children’s Sun Sch-DFH
 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School
 Youth Sun Sch.-LOFT
 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 Youth-Annex Loft
 6:30 PM Bridge Builders-226

Mon.: 6:30 PM Boy/Cub Scouts
 7:00 PM Christian Parenting-116

Tues.: 10:30 AM NO Joy Singers
 3:30 PM Rest Stop

Wed.: 12:00 PM Bridge Builders-Online
 7:00 PM **Trustees**-Annex

Chancel Choir-Music Suite

Thurs.: 7:30 AM Men’s Group-Grant’s Coffee
 10:30 AM Bookman F’ship-226
 11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer-Parlor

1:30 PM Prayer Shawl- Parlor
 6:00 PM TDHS Wrestling Banq-DFH
 6:30 PM Boy Scout Leaders-205

Fri.

Sat.: 11:00 AM Forrest Garrett Funeral-Sanc
 12:00 PM Garrett Reception-DFH

Next Sunday: March 13, 2022

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 Fresh Start Service-DFH
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 Youth Sun Sch.-LOFT

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10:00 AM Online Worship

11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc

12:15 PM Ushers CPR-DFH

1:30 PM 70’s Skate Party-Skateland

6:30 PM Bridge Builders-226

Easter Sunrise Service: Sunday, April 17, 6:30 AM on the Annex Lawn with do-nuts afterward.

Online Giving: Scan the QR code (on the front of the bulletin) with your smartphone to contribute online or visit www.chesterumc.org and click “Online Giving.”



Leading Our Worship NEXT SUNDAY, March 13, 2022

Greeters: 8:30 Bill & Karen Comer

9:55 Terri Dombrowski

11:00 Linda Large, Susan Petrey

Ushers: 8:30 Gordon Jones*, Ron Dombrowski, Bruce Johnson *Indicates Head Usher

9:55 Gordon Jones*, JR Irvin

11:00 Gary Williams*, Marshall Henry, Tommy Petrey, Scott Pugh, Don Schmidt

Nursery: 9:55, 11:00 Staff Members, Alistia Mabry & Carla Adams

*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!*

We Celebrate Girl Scout Sunday Today: The Girl Scouts greatly appreciate our support and the safe meeting place we provide for them. Please order your Girl Scout cookies in the Atrium today for \$4/box.

Today at Fresh Start, We Welcome into Christian Membership:

- * *Sandra L. Sims* by transfer from Carson United Methodist in Carson, Virginia.
- * *Suzanne Kay Rountree* by transfer from Highland Methodist Church in Colonial Heights.

Our Parish Nurse, Cindy Webb, is IN TODAY: 9:00 – 10:45 AM in Office 111. See more details inside this bulletin.

2022 Graduate Recognition: Sunday, May 22, 8:30 & 11:00 AM services. We will recognize all our 2022 graduates at 8:30 and 11:00 AM! Whether you are graduating from high school, college, trade school—any sort of graduation—we want to celebrate with you! Please register in the pew pad or let the Church Office (cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org) know. **Also**, send us 2 or 3 pictures (no later than May 15) so we can include you in our celebration. Be sure to attend in-person worship on Sunday, May 22, as we pray a blessing over you and honor your achievements!

That So 70's Skate Party for ALL: Sunday, March 13, 1:30-4:00 PM, Chester Skateland (2300 Southland DR, Chester, 23831). We will have fun to the Top 40 Hits! **Prices:** Admission, \$8; skate rental (if needed), \$5; SkateMate, \$5. Please, never let cost keep you away. Contact the church office and the fees will be taken care of.

Nursery Staff: The dynamic duo is back! We are delighted to announce that both Alistia Mabry and Carla Adams are in the nursery each Sunday caring for our littlest angels! We are grateful for the team of volunteers who have helped staff our nursery over the last year.

Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday with 5-6 blooms are \$10.00 each. Dedications in honor or memory of a loved one will be published in the Easter bulletin. If you would like to list a dedication but you do not wish to take a lily home, please make a donation to the Flower Fund. Make checks payable to CUMC (Memo: Flower Fund). Orders must be received in the Church Office no later than Sunday, March 20. *See order form insert in this bulletin*

VBS 2022: Mark your calendars for VBS 2022 scheduled for June 13-17! Plans are underway and more details are coming. Please prayerfully consider making a monetary donation to help cover the cost of supplies. Make checks payable to CUMC (Memo: VBS Fund).

KEEP IN PRAYER: family of Glenn Brubaker; family of Forrest Garret; family of Sharon Roddy; family of Tom Kimball (brother-in-law of Vicki Bowers); Kay Murphy (aunt of Gordon Morris); Clayton Herring (brother of Linda Mottley); Eliza McVicker; Wayne Bishop; Heather Escobar; Debbie Freed; Janean Trimble; Doug and Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence February 27, 2022

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| Fresh Start | 104 |
| The Bridge..... | 69 |
| Traditions | 130 |
| Online/Call In | 17 |
| Total Worship Attendance..... | 320 |

Children’s Sunday School meets at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall. We will offer a time of games (until about 10:00 AM), a Bible lesson, music, and prayer for children in grades PK-5. All are welcome! To volunteer, please contact Carrie Coyner (carrie.coyner@gmail.com).

CHESTER UMC ONLINE RESOURCES

- **Website:** www.chesterumc.org.
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/ChesterUnitedMethodistChurch/>.
- **Facebook Closed Group:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChesterUMC/>.
- **Daily Email News:** Visit <http://eepurl.com/blV9TV> to subscribe.
- **Daily Devotionals from Pastor Nathan:** <https://www.facebook.com/BetterTogether.Devos/>.
- **YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/c/ChesterUMC>.
- **Prayer Chain Email:** to subscribe or to submit a prayer request, email Terry at 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).
- **The Chimes**, bi-monthly newsletter: Submit items to communication@chesterumc.org on 3rd Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

| <u>Leading Our Worship TODAY, March 6, 2022</u> | |
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| Greeters: | 8:30 Laura Houglund, Maureen Coker |
| | 9:55 Stephanie Decker |
| | 11:00 Will Schmidt, Mary Musselwhite |
| Ushers: | 8:30 Dave Coker*, Dale Clark, Bill Comer *Indicates Head Usher |
| | 9:55 Linda D’Agostino*, Pat Stanfield |
| | 11:00 Gordon Morris*, Dean Hutchins, Geoff LeSueur, Time & Beth Stewart |
| Nursery: | 8:30, 9:55, 11:00 Staff Members, Alistia Mabry & Carla Adams |

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

Fresh Start Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Room 205, beginning March 6, *The Grace of Les Miserables* by Matt Rawle.
POC: Susan Petrey (susanmpetrey@gmail.com)

Journey Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Annex and Google Meet (<https://meet.google.com/ptm-pieh-vve>)
March 6 – April 10: *Final Words from the Cross* by Adam Hamilton.
POCs: Carolyn Landis (landisfamily05@gmail.com);
Eric Houglund (ehouglund88@gmail.com)

Seekers Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Room 226, *March 6 – April 17; 24 Hours That Changed the World* by Adam Hamilton, POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

Senior Singles Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Parlor, *Faithful*, by Adam Hamilton, POC: Cynthia Corley (cacorley@ctsi.net)

Middle and High School Youth Sunday School

9:45 AM, Annex Loft
POC: Dale (fungoboy77@gmail.com) and Karen Clark (klslark51@gmail.com)

Bridge Builders In-Person

6:30 PM, Room 226, POCs: Terri Dombrowski (profet2d@aol.com), Bobby Henderson (Rhen6020@gmail.com) Before each session, visit <https://vaumc.org/racerelationsvideos/> to watch the short video listed for each date and come with questions, observations, and comments.

- Mar. 6: Video 6 – Life or Death, Jim Crow/Women’s Suffrage
- <https://vaumc.org/racerelationsvideos/>

Looking for History Items for CUMC 150th Celebration: When Bill Webster was pastor, the pews in the 1927 Sanctuary were sold to the congregation for \$25 each. It would be wonderful to have one in the Narthex for displays—either on loan or permanently. If you have one and would be willing to share that history, please contact Mary Musselwhite at 804-330-0014.

Also, we are in search of the **3-shelf bookcase** given by the Hatchers to the Primary Class in 1939. It is oak and has glass that covers the contents of the shelf (a Barrister bookcase). It would be perfect to display memorabilia of our church history.

POCs: Daphne Curtis and Mary Musselwhite/Co-Chairs of the History Committee.

WEEKLY SMALL GROUPS

Women's Coffee Prayer Group: Mondays, 9:00 AM at Grants Coffee Co. (11884 Chester Village DR). POC: Julie Ferry (juliejerry@gmail.com)

Christian Parenting Small Group: alternate Mondays, 7:00 PM, Room 116. Next session March 7. POC: Pastor Nathan.

Bridge Builders Online Study Group: Wednesdays, 12:00 PM, Google Meet. We have open, safe conversations based in Jesus's love and reconciliation. POC: Maureen Coker (mcoker2003@comcast.net)

- **Wednesday, March 9:** "Who is My Enemy? – Loving Your Enemy as Well as Your Neighbor" We will spend time in seeking the answer to the questions, "Who IS my enemy?" and "How can I possibly love them?" Through examining scripture and current writings, we will seek to "put a face" to those we perceive as our enemy. We will look at the love/hate dynamics in our current world as we challenge ourselves to follow Christ's command to "love your enemies."

Thursday Morning Men's Group: Thursdays, 7:30 AM at Grants Coffee Co. (11884 Chester Village DR). POC: Vann Stanfield (vannstan34@gmail.com)

Contemplative Prayer Group: Thursdays, 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. POC: Lisa Stanfield (lisajostanfield@gmail.com)

Prayer Shawl Group: Thursdays, 1:30 PM, in the Church Parlor. All are invited to join us! We will happily teach you how to knit or crochet if you don't already know
POCs: Beverly Trevillian (beverly.trevillian@comcast.net) & June Gilliam (804-748-6668)

Village People Study, Socialize, & Service Group: Mondays, 1:00 PM, at Chester Village Senior APTS (11701 Chester Village DR) POC: Bruce Johnson (bruce_bethjohnson@yahoo.com)



Love One Another As I Have Loved You...In John 15:12, Jesus says, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” Loving and caring for one another is not just the Pastor’s job—it’s something that Jesus calls us all to do! Stephen Ministry is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring ministry can put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus’ love and care to those who need it most. If you know someone who is going through a difficult time, contact the church office to be put in touch with one of our Stephen Leaders. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care—to help that person experience the healing power of Christ’s love.

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

- Beginning March 6, “**The Grace of Les Miserables**” by Matt Rawle. This Lent, ponder the themes of justice, poverty, freedom, and love. Victor Hugo’s *Les Misérables* is a truly epic story. Whether you’ve read the novel or seen the Broadway musical, you know the power in the story. In the six-week Lenten study, *The Grace of Les Misérables*, author and pastor Matt Rawle dives into six ideals found in the story—grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope—each represented by a character in Hugo’s story.

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 in study and fellowship March 6-April 17 as we do a DVD Lenten study by Adam Hamilton, *24 Hours That Changed the World*. Our class meets every week from 9:45 to 10:45 AM in Room 226. Y’all come!
POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

Our Parish Nurse is Cindy Webb, RN, BSN is available for consultation most Sundays from **9:00-10:45 AM in Office 111** and by phone at 804-748-5314 to help with medical questions or to obtain medical equipment from the church. Would you like to have your blood pressure checked? She can take it. (She can also check your home machine with a manual reading if you have concerns that your sphygmomanometer is not working properly.) Maybe you had a visit with your doctor, and you don’t quite understand something that was said or a medication that was prescribed. Our Parish Nurse has up-to-date information that she can share with you. Also, if you develop a headache while you are here or maybe indigestion from the doughnuts, she has a variety of over-the-counter medications available. If you are diabetic and have a hypoglycemic episode, she has glucose tablets and gel on hand. (Screening blood sugars will not be done.) Besides being prepared for First Aid, Nurse Webb is also CPR certified. All information given and visits with the Parish Nurse are kept confidential.

CUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry was formed in 2010. This group meets in the Parlor every Thursday at 1:30 PM to knit and crochet shawls for those who are hurting i.e., ill, recovering from illness/surgery, grieving, shut-in, in Hospice care, and more. We also give our high school graduates a shawl made with their school colors. All are invited to join us! We will happily teach you how to knit or crochet if you don't already know. POCs: Beverly Trevillian (beverly.trevillian@comcast.net) & June Gilliam (804-748-6668)

Christian Parenting Small Group: Curious about faith and parenting? Pastor Nathan is leading a Christian Parenting Small Group that meets on alternate **Mondays at 7:00 PM** in room 116. This short-term small group will be completely focused on how our faith guides us to lead our Children to grow. Next session is **March 7**. Childcare will be provided as needed. *Please notify the Church Office pad if you will need childcare.*

Early Response Team Training (ERT): Saturday, May 7, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM (in-person) at Christ UMC, 7600 Ox RD, Fairfax, Station, VA 22039. Coordination is crucial in the early time after a disaster. Too many volunteers become a distraction and a hindrance to relief efforts. This is where the Early Response Teams come in. Teams and individuals must have a United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) badge with a valid date. The initial training is approximately an 8-hour course explaining the role of ERT in a major disaster. An UMCOR badge is valid for 3 years. *Contact ERT Trainer Kim Hook (talknone@yahoo.com) to register. Class is limited to 20 students.*

Need a Nametag? Contact Terry (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). Please write legibly.

LOOKING AHEAD

- March 13:** Skate Party, Chester Skateland, 1:30 PM – 4 PM
- April 10:** Easter Cantata at 8:30 and 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary
- April 12:** Easter Cantata at 7 PM in the Sanctuary
- April 14:** Holy Thurs/Good Friday Service, 7 PM, begins in DFH and moves to Sanctuary
- April 15:** Feed More at Greenleigh, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
- April 16:** Easter Egg Hunt at Goyne Park
- April 17:** **Easter Sunrise Service** at CUMC, 6:30 AM, Annex Lawn with do-nuts afterward
Easter Services, 8:30 AM (DFH), 9:55 AM (Sanc.), 11:00 AM (Sanc.)
- April 24:** Confirmation Sunday at 8:30 and 11:00 AM services
- April 26:** Preschool Pasta Take-Out Dinner Fundraiser
- April 30:** Choir Tea, 2-4 PM, DFH
- May 16:** Blood Drive, 11 AM-4 PM
- May 22:** Graduate Recognition, 8:30 and 11:00 services

2022 Confirmation Class Mission Project

One of the projects for this year's Confirmation Class is holding a drive for Mercy Mall from **March 6 to March 20!** Mercy Mall is a Christian-based organization where people in hard times can shop for free! We chose baby and hygiene products to donate. All hygiene items must be new, however; baby items can be gently used. *Please put your donations in the labeled bin in the Missions Closet by Sunday, March 20.*

HYGIENE NEEDS for MERCY MALL

Shampoo, Conditioner, Bar Soap, Body Wash, Body Lotion, Washcloths, Feminine Hygiene, Razors, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Toothbrush Covers, Deodorant, Shaving Cream

BABY NEEDS for MERCY MALL

Diapers (all sizes), Pull Ups (all sizes), Wipes, Baby Wash, Baby Lotion, Towels, Washcloths, Blankets, Burp Cloths, Crib Sheets, Pack and Play, Diaper Bags, Hand-Held Toys, Strollers, Bouncy Seats, Bottles

YOU MAY PURCHASE ITEMS ONLINE ON OUR AMAZON WISHLIST

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2DWMEWQS86R46?ref=cm_sw_sm_r_un_un_jnvwUaNnMGOME

We thank you so much for your support and can't wait to see what we can donate when we go for a facility tour on March 21!

~2022 Confirmation Class

Order Your Chester UMC T-Shirts: God calls us to be witnesses for Christ in our world. One of the easiest ways for us to do this is to wear a shirt that somehow says "You'll See Christ's Love in Me." Pastor Nathan is hoping that every person in Chester UMC will want one, wear one, and do good works in God's name while doing so! ***Please sign up in the pew pad with the sizes and number of shirts you and/or your family want.*** Donations to cover the cost of yours or other Disciple's shirts are appreciated.