

APRIL/MAY 2022

THE CHIMES

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Chester United Methodist Church

Chancel Choir presents a

FREE CONCERT



One Holy Lamb

Sunday, April 10, at 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Tuesday, April 12, at 7:00 PM



Holy Week Worship

THURSDAY, APRIL 14
7:00 PM - Holy Thursday/Good Friday
RSVP required to attend

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17
6:30 AM - Sunrise Service
Annex Lawn
8:30 AM - Fresh Start Contemporary
Davis Fellowship Hall
9:55 AM - The Bridge Southern Gospel
Sanctuary
11:00 AM - Traditions
Sanctuary



LIVE STREAM of our Sunday worship services will begin in April! We're still getting trained on our new equipment so bear with us as we grow and learn. Tune in each Sunday via Facebook or YouTube.



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

Traditional Worship
Sanctuary
11:00 AM

Online Worship
Facebook & YouTube
9:55 & 11 AM
(8:30 will be added soon!)

Worship By Phone
804-768-9594
Anytime

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THE PARTICULAR NATURE OF GOD'S LOVE

by Pastor Nathan Decker



***“God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us.”
-St. Augustine of Hippo***

I am overwhelmed by God's love. God's love knows no bounds. Christ hanging on the cross does not say “Father forgive some of them,” but instead offers us a universal love of welcome, acceptance, transformation, and salvation. Jesus died for all. Jesus offers hope and resurrection to all. Jesus loves everyone. But scandalously so, Jesus loves everyone as if they were individually one. As much as each of us needs, Christ's sacrifice supplies.

In preparing for the Easter Season, I am struck by how unique and particular God's universal love is expressed in the resurrection narratives. Jesus doesn't appear before the whole world in some viral video, nor does he gather large crowds in some hyped up super reveal. Our Resurrected Lord meets each one as if they were the only one. One, two, or three and no more than eleven (the Twelve minus Judas) seems to be his desired impact number. Jesus chooses to love particularly.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks with two Marys. In Mark's Gospel, this scene is repeated as well as indication that he met with the, now, Eleven. Luke's Gospel adds Joanna and the couple walking to Emmaus. The Gospel of John gets real specific: Mary, Peter, John, and Thomas all get a conversation. It is only in Christ's ascension that he gathers larger numbers.

By example, Jesus is teaching us The Way. God's universal love is always expressed in particular ways. Why else would there be one tribe called 'chosen,' Twelve Apostles, and other instances where God blessed two or three in unique ways? In our ministries at Chester UMC, as hard as it may be, we must follow Christ's example of particular love. Churches that strive to reach “all people” find themselves grasping at sand. In the beginning we catch a lot, but we are incapable of holding on in the end. I firmly believe God is leading us to express God's love in targeted, focused, relationship-driven ministries.

The best example of this is in our new (accidental and Spirit-led) ministry of blessing Schools. Last year, I followed Principal Matt Strittmatter of Elizabeth Davis Middle School as “Principal for a Day.” That led to our Christmas blessing of the teachers and staff. Immediately three people came to me and said, “but what about <insert your favorite school's name here>?!?!” So we continued with a Valentine blessing at Curtis Elementary and Marguerite Christian Elementary. Guess what happened? More schools were named by more individuals. I suddenly began to worry that in our striving to reach all we were diluting our ability to bond with any one.

And this is where I paused in prayer and looked to Jesus. We can be the church who goes around transactionally blessing schools until we've covered the whole county and the tri-cities. OR, we can follow Christ's way of particular love. Love seeks relationally blessing. Love desires not to drop off and leave, but to invest and stay. We need to focus on love to be particular. That means choosing two or three schools as our mission. And I know that won't make everyone happy.

I'm in prayer, and I'm listening for God's Spirit to help us discern. Through Holy Conversation, our congregation will hear clearly where God is leading us to share that universal love particularly and quite possibly peculiarly in a unique way. After all, it's what Jesus would do.

***“Above all, show sincere love to each one,
because love brings about the forgiveness of many sins.”
1 Peter 4:8***

TAKING CARE OF ECOFF ELEMENTARY GARDEN AS THE FAMILY ON EARTH—Sunday, April 24, 4:00 PM

Our Youth and Children Ministries invite you to join us on **Sunday, April 24, at 4:00 PM** as we celebrate Earth Day by cleaning up our county. In partnership with JFWC (Junior Federated Women's Club) of Chester, we will gather at **Ecoff Elementary** and pick up trash. Afterwards, weather permitting, we will join together for a **potluck cookout and games** at Goyne Park. POC: Jennifer Brame (youthleaders@chesterumc.org)

CHAD'S CHALLENGES

by Associate Pastor Chad Beck

"Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples." Matt. 28:19 (CEV)

Time for a discipleship challenge! Did you know that the Greek word ethnos in Matthew 28:19 which is commonly translated as "nations" can also be translated as "ethnic groups" or "peoples"? It's no surprise since the Greek word ethnos sounds like the English word "ethnic." It's no surprise (hopefully!) that Jesus told us to make disciples of all peoples, regardless of ethnicity or national origin, or age, or any category invented by human beings. Without any qualification whatsoever, Jesus tells us, "Go to all peoples and make them my disciples." Can I get an "Amen"?



Chester UMC is living this out! It starts with our vision, which includes "Embrace Diversity" and "Positively Impact Community." In our Spanish-language ministries, we are working alongside women of Greenleigh to build community through family-friendly, culturally relevant gatherings and improvement of living conditions. Also, the Holy Spirit is guiding us to a small group of families who we are calling "discipulos potenciales" or potential disciples. These are families who have been consistently engaged in relationship with us and who we hope will become a small group for prayer, Bible study, and worship in Spanish. Here's your first Spanish lesson: "Amen" in Spanish is "Amén." It has an accent mark and is pronounced only slightly different from the English word. Let's try it! Can I get an "Amén"? I said that ethnos means all people, regardless of age! I thank God for our faithful people of every generation in our church! For example, our Visitation Team continues to bless our homebound or "shut-ins" and remind them that they are important and are not forgotten. Can I get an Amen?

Thanks to the Spirit working through Carrie Coyner and many other teachers and assistants, our children's Sunday school is alive and kicking! We are making the children Jesus' disciples! I encourage all families to bring your children, your grandchildren, your neighbors' children, and children in the community to "Come and see" so that one day they will say for themselves, "we've found the Christ!" (John 1:41). Speaking of which, seventeen of our youth will be confirmed by the church in public worship and will profess, "We no longer believe just because of what you said. We have now heard for ourselves. We know that Jesus really is the Savior of the world." (John 4:42) Now, can somebody please give me an "Amen"?

And don't stop with an "Amen." How is Jesus calling you to make disciples? Of which persons or peoples? Who is the Spirit leading you to?

MUSIC NOTES

Don't miss our Easter musical as the Chancel Choir presents *"One Holy Lamb"* on Sunday, April 10, at 8:30 and 11:00 AM, and again on Tuesday, April 12, at 7:00 PM. This is the musical we had started preparing before COVID struck in 2020, so we are excited to finally share it with you!



Looking ahead, our friend **Mark Kroos**, who plays the double-neck guitar, will return to Chester on **Sunday, May 8**, during all three worship services.



MEDIA UPGRADE UPDATE: Much of our new sound and video equipment has been installed by the good folks at RTW Media! They have been fantastic to work with and are getting us trained so we can make the most of these new gadgets and gizmos. We are still waiting for all of our new wireless equipment to arrive, otherwise most everything else is in place. We are going to start live-streaming some of our worship services in April. Please be patient with us as we are very much in the learning and training phase!

"Sing"-cerely,
Joshua Wortham
Minister of Music

STEPHEN MINISTRY MOMENT— Reach Out For Help

Not all of us find it easy to ask for help. Some of us think it makes us look weak if we can't handle problems on our own, or we worry about what others might think. Fortunately, CUMC is a Stephen Ministry Congregation. We have highly trained, very compassionate Stephen Ministers waiting to listen, to be there just for you during a difficult time. You can choose to meet in person, or if you prefer, just speak on the telephone. Whatever you talk about is confidential, between you and your Stephen Minister only. Here are a few real life comments from those who have a Stephen Minister.



“I can feel God’s presence when my Stephen Minister is here”.

“There is no judgement. She walks beside me. She doesn’t try to fix me, she just listens”.

“My weekly visits with her are an anchor in my life, something I can rely on when everything else is so uncertain. She is a steady reminder of God’s presence, helping me to know that I am never alone”.

“It is a safe, confidential relationship where I can totally share my heart, and she just listens”.

“My Stephen Minister shows me the face of Christ. God brought me exactly what I needed”.

“I needed to know that there was just one person in the world who knew the good, bad and ugly about me, and still cared for me. Experiencing this through my Stephen Minister is a tangible expression of God’s love. It is changing my life”.

“My friends support me, but I also needed someone objective, someone I can count on every week to encourage me on this roller coaster of life. There is genuine acceptance, encouragement to confess my feelings, and finally, help to accept forgiveness. The consistency of our relationship is crucial in helping me to cope”.

“When I am with my Stephen Minister, I feel Jesus with me. The love of God in his eyes is there while we talk and pray. It is such a comfort and a feeling of peace”.

If you or someone you know could benefit from talking to one of our Stephen Ministers, please call our church office at 804-748-6006.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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. Fifty or more shawls are made by hand and shared every year. When a shawl is completed, everyone places their hands on the shawl while our Pastor offers prayer so that each shawl becomes a vessel of God’s love. POCs: Beverly Trevillian (beverly.trevillian@comcast.net) & June Gilliam (804-748-6668)



STEWARDSHIP MINUTE-GoFundMe

by Bryon and Josefa Wall

Does hearing of a new GoFundMe campaign connect with you emotionally? Since its launch in 2008, the GoFundMe online fundraising platform has had a global reach and has helped raise millions upon millions of dollars for families experiencing loss, for those needing help with medical bills, and youth raising money for soccer or music lessons, etc. Countless people are thrilled to do good by donating \$5, \$10, \$50, or even more to a stranger's GoFundMe campaign not knowing if the said cause is real or not.

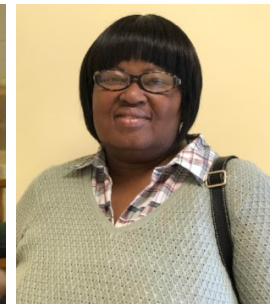


Your gifts of tithes, annual pledges, and second mile giving (like Directed Funds) are used to do good similarly to valid GoFundMe campaigns. The funds given to CUMC support our food pantry, provide emergency assistance to those in our communities, support youth programs that help youth stay engaged and safe, and soon, will help make repairs to homes of our elderly.

CUMC does not have a GoFundMe campaign. Instead, we offer opportunities to give via Tithe.ly, offering plates, office drop-offs, or personal visits. We ask that you prayerfully consider giving a little more than you've committed and let's go fund our missions and ministries with second mile gifts of \$5, \$10, \$50 or more!!!! Peace be with you.

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.



PARISH NURSE

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.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Kroger recently awarded CUMC a quarterly check for **\$699.45**. Thank you to the 107 households in our church who shopped at Kroger between December 1, 2021 and February 30, 2022! 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.

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 (klsclark51@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)

URL: <https://meet.google.com/ptm-pieh-vve>

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)

Bridge Builders Small Group

6:30 PM, Room 226

POC: Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

WEDNESDAY

Bridge Builders Small Group

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

POC: Maureen Coker (mcoker2003@comcast.net)

THURSDAY

Morning Men's Group

7:30 AM, Grant's Coffee Co. (11884 Chester Village Drive)

POC: Vann Stanfield (vannstan34@gmail.com)

FRESH START SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

- Continuing April 10—"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 of *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. In keeping with his previous works, Rawle brings us to the intersection of Church and Pop Culture by drawing parallels between the iconic musical and our Christian calling, inspiring us to both understand our faith and live it out in the world.
- Resuming April 24—"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.

WEEKLY SMALL GROUPS

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

Christian Parenting Small Group: alternate Mondays, 7:00 PM, Room 116. Next session April 18. This short-term small group is completely focused on how our faith guides us to lead our Children to grow. Childcare provided as needed—notify Church Office. 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)
URL: <https://meet.google.com/khf-wohx-ohn>

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 how. POCs: Beverly Trevillian (beverly.trevillian@comcast.net) & June Gilliam (804-748-6668)

Village People Study, Socialize, & Service Group: Mondays, 2:00 PM, at Chester Village Senior APTS (11701 Chester Village DR) POC: Bruce Johnson (bruce_bethjohnson@yahoo.com)

CUMC T-SHIRTS

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, or contact the Church Office, 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. The shirt is a 60/40 cotton/poly blend in Bright Red Heather.



FRONT LEFT CHEST DESIGN by Beth Harvey

Please note: these fonts are being changed to compliment the design on the back. This is not the final version.



BACK DESIGN by Charlotte Brummette

Front and back designs are not shown to scale here.

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, April 4, 7:00 PM in Room 205. We will pack cookies and deliver them to our local first responders. 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, April 14, 10:30 AM in Davis Fellowship Hall. Call Martha Miles, 748-5476, for more information.
- **Salad Luncheon—All Women of the Church** are invited to a luncheon meeting of the UMW Sunday, April 24, immediately following 11 o'clock worship. Our program will consist of our annual Call to Prayer and Self-Denial and the UMW Reading Program. The Jean Craig Fellowship will host. Bring a salad or dessert to share.
- **The Jean Craig Fellowship** will meet on Monday, May 2, 7:00 PM in Room 205. We will pack hygiene kits for UMCOR. Call Susan Petrey for details.
- **The Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship** will meet on Thursday, May 12, 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Call Martha Miles, 748-5476, for more information.

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

ANOTHER WOMAN'S TREASURES-Accessories Drive

The United Methodist Women is sponsoring an **Accessories Drive** to benefit the CCHASM Women's Career Clothes Closet. The CCHASM Career Clothes Closet, located in the Chester UMC Mission Cottage (12117 Percival Street), is available by appointment to women residing in the Chesterfield-Colonial Heights service area. Many of the clients are women who, due to emergency situations, find that they must begin or return to work. Women are able to 'shop' (free of charge) for interview and work attire. The Closet welcomes donations of new or gently used items that are clean, undamaged and free of stains. They always have a need for plus sized clothing and new (still in the package) undergarments. Due to storage limitations, they prefer items that are season appropriate. Clothing donations may be dropped off at the Cottage on Tuesdays or Thursdays, 9 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Place good used purses, summer shoes and sandals, belts, scarves, and costume jewelry in the collection box in the Missions Closet next to Pastor Nathan's office ASAP but no later than 12 noon on Sunday, May 22. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for more information.

UMCOR HYGIENE KITS FOR CONFERENCE

The United Methodist Committee on Relief operates two relief depots, one in Salt Lake City and the Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana. For the past several years CUMC and the UMW have collected materials for and assembled health kits to be sent to Sager Brown. They collect kits to have on hand when disaster strikes. Due to tornadoes and flooding in the Southeast and war in Eastern Europe **there is an urgent need to restock their inventory of hygiene kits. Therefore, our goal for this year's June 16-18 Virginia United Methodist Annual Conference in Hampton is 100 hygiene kits. The entire congregation is invited** to support this effort by donating items to be packed into kits. Pick up your “assignment ticket” from the display in the Atrium beginning April 1 and return the assigned items to the collection box in the mission closet next to Pastor Nathan's office ASAP but no later than 12 noon on Sunday, May 22. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for more information.

SCHOOL KITS FOR FOX ELEMENTARY

During August and September 2021 the UMW and CUMC congregation collected school materials that were packed into school kits intended for the City of Richmond's Broad Rock Elementary. After Broad Rock had expressed interest in our kits, Capital One unexpectedly delivered 1,000 fully loaded backpacks to them. Because Broad Rock was not immediately able to use our kits they asked us to hold them until needed. On Friday, February 11, Richmond City's Fox Elementary burned. VCU and the University of Richmond began collecting school supplies to provide Fox students with much needed supplies. On March 4, after consulting Broad Rock, the UMW delivered 110 school kits to U of R for Fox's use. Things don't always work the way we plan but “all things work together for good to those who love the Lord.” (Romans 8:28) Thanks for your generosity and faithfulness. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for more information.

NEW MEMBERS

Melanie Irvin & Patrick Mims joined 03-20-2022

Sandra L. Sims joined 03-06-2022

Suzanne Kay Rountree joined 03-06-2022

Dr. Floyd Lee "Floogie" Moore joined 02-20-2022

BAPTISMS

Caroline Grace Rultedge, born April 7, 2021, baptized 03-13-2022, daughter of Ethan & Amanda Rutledge

Emilia Rose Levin, born February 16, 2022, baptized 03-20-2022, daughter of Brittany & Andrew Levin, big sister is Caroline Rachel (21 mos.)

BIRTHS

Hazel June Harvey-Sidell, born March 23, 2022, weighing 5 lbs. 13 oz, and 18 inches, daughter of Renee Harvey and Jessica Sidell

DEATHS

Catherine Ann Chase
(November 12, 1950—January 27, 2022)

Marylou Massie Cumby
(March 4, 1926—January 29, 2022)

Rita Sharon Roddy
(August 21, 1954—February 19, 2022)

Lowell Glenn Brubaker
(March 23, 1945—February 26, 2022)

Forrest Hunter Garrett
(August 30, 1930—February 28, 2022)

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Cathy Chase

Buck and Barbara Dance
Joe and Mary Ann Pratt
Seeker's Sunday School Class
Don and Pat Pospahala
Don and Will Schmidt
Myra Simmons

Judy Dyson

Jim Dyson Jr.
Don and Will Schmidt
Brenda Lively

Hazel Miller

Don and Pat Pospahala
Don and Will Schmidt
Emory and Linda Large
Myra B. Simmons
Annette Parham
Agnes Lilly

Don and Sarah Mick

Davis and Christine Mick

Marylou Cumby

Don and Pat Pospahala
Don and Will Schmidt
Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bryant
Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Virag
Myra Simmons
Mary S. Cruickshank

Glenn Brubaker

Pam Buyalos
Prince George County Public School Technology Department
Don and Pat Pospahala
Michael Weinstock
Prince George County School Board Office Hospitality Committee
Steven and Ann Lohr

Earl Tatum

CUMC Men's Group

Montrou Goldfarb

Janet Nuttall

Dixie Stone

Marshall and Susan Henry – Music Fund

In Honor of Dennis Janderwski

Dale and Karen Clark – Stephen Ministry

In Honor of Bill Comer

Ruth Devore – Funeral Reception Fund

In Honor of Don and Will Schmidt

Anonymous -

In Celebration of Emilia Rose Levin

Robert and Deborah Napolitano (*Emilia's grandparents*)

In Honor of CUMC Church Staff

Skip and Pam Buyalos

In Honor of Stephen Ministry Team

Skip and Pam Buyalos

2022 GRADUATE RECOGNITION



Sunday, May 22, 8:30 & 11:00 AM services. Whether you are graduating from high school, college, post-graduate, or 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!

BLOOD DRIVE—Book Your Appointment Today!

Monday, May 16, 2022

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

11:00 AM—4:00 PM

Davis Fellowship Hall

Blood collected at our last drive has been used to save lives at Johnston-Willis and Sentara Norfolk General Hospital.



CONGRATULATIONS

Our Own Chelsea Buyalos has been appointed Executive Director for the Perkinson Center for the Arts and Education in Chester. Be sure to congratulate Chelsea on her new role as the permanent, full-time leader of this organization.

The Perkinson Center is always looking for volunteers. Visit <https://www.perkinsoncenter.org/> to learn more!

CHANCEL CHOIR TOUR AND HOME CONCERT

The Chancel Choir will be on tour June 24-29, 2022! The itinerary is still in the works, but our trip includes stops in Lillington, NC; Florence, SC; Savannah, GA; and Charleston, SC. We will end our trip with a home concert on **Wednesday, June 29, at 7:00 PM!** We'll be joined by Dove Award nominated Christian artist, Tiffany Coburn, who will be our featured soloist this year. We covet your prayers for this musical mission trip. The final itinerary will be published in the June/July Chimes so you can invite your friends and family who may live near one of our concert stops. A free-will offering will be received at our home concert, but if you'd like to make a donation prior to the trip to help defray the increased cost of gas, please contact Minister of Music, Joshua Wortham (music@chesterumc.org)



ALTAR FLOWERS

Donate Altar Flowers for the Sanctuary: Please sign up on the flower chart outside the Church Office and complete an Altar Flower Form. Then make arrangements with the florist of your choice, including delivery to the church and payment to the florist. (The suggested price is \$55-\$65.) Special pricing and free delivery to the church have been arranged with River's Bend and Petals & Bows Florists. Thank you for helping to beautify the Altar for worship.



All members of the community are welcome! Please invite your friends and neighbors!

Goyne Park Playground
*Non-readers will hunt in the flat open space.
 Readers will hunt by Ecoff Elementary.*



CASH ONLY

Chester Skateland
 2300 Southland Drive
 On Wednesday, April The 20th From 6:30-9:30 PM

SKATE FOR A NEW HOPE IN UKRAINE

Benefit For The UMCOR International Disaster Response & Recovery Fund
\$8 Admission - \$5 Skate Rental - \$3 Spectators
Guest Hosted By Virginia Delegate Carrie Coyner

SUNDAY SOLES-Faith on the Move

Sundays at 3:30 PM at the Annex, weather permitting. Do you like to walk or run? We do too! If you want to join us, please make sure to grab your favorite sneakers with some good soles ... because moving is good for the Soul! Check the church Fb page for cancellations or time changes for the walk/run. We will start with a group warm-up and then a 2-mile loop. We will provide routes so that you can go at your own pace. Bring a friend or come and make a new friend! Questions email Sarah Bowers at messagebysarahb@gmail.com or Natalie Galarza at familygalarza05@gmail.com.



CUMC STAFF

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VBS 2022

July 11-15



AFTERNOON TEA

The Chancel Choir's annual Afternoon Tea has been cancelled for 2022. Please save the date for when our favorite fundraiser returns on Saturday, April 29, 2023!



Mark Kroos

**Chester United
Methodist Church**

Sunday, May 8th
In Morning Worship Services

**12132 Percival St
Chester, VA**

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play "Come Together"





REST STOP FISHING

On Tuesday, April 26, our Rest Stop students will go fishing at the Appomattox Regional Park (800 Folar Trail, N Prince George, VA 23860). We will gather at the Education Shelter and fish from 3:30-5:00 PM along the banks of the Appomattox River. DO YOU FISH? We need volunteers to come teach our students and share in the fellowship. Contact Bobby Henderson (rhen6020@gmail.com) if you are willing to join the fun!

FEEDMORE AT GREENLEIGH—Friday, April 15

Volunteers are needed to help with food distribution on Friday, April 15, from 10:30 AM—12:30 PM. Tasks include: unloading the food truck, setting up tables and sorting food, organizing distribution, placing food allotments in vehicles, traffic control, and clean up afterwards. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D44A5A72BA75-feed3>
POC: Eric Houglan (ehouglan88@gmail.com)

EASTER CARDS FOR VETERANS

Share the Easter message or "Happy Spring" wishes to the veterans at McGuire Hospital and Sitter-Barfoot Veterans Care Center. We will collect cards through Sunday, April 10.

Say "I am grateful for your service and sacrifice," "I hope you're feeling better," "Sorry you're in the hospital," "Thank you for your service," etc. Write something about yourself, maybe, but, please, DO NOT sign your last name. DO NOT seal them.

Address the envelopes: "To a Special Veteran," "To Someone Special," "To a Hero," "Happy Easter" or "Happy Spring," etc.

Cards must be dropped off by April 10. Just put them in the box labeled "Easter Cards for Veterans" in the Sharing Bin (outside the Atrium doors) or in the Missions Closet. Thank you for participating in this project. POC: Barbara MacIntyre 748-0775. *(The next time we'll collect cards will be for Memorial Day. Due May 22.)*

PRESCHOOL NEWS

We are down to the last two months of preschool. April brings us spring break, Easter parties, and a trip to the zoo. Children will learn about Easter, how Jesus rose from the dead, and about the mighty Samson. May will bring lots of Graduation practice so the children who are graduating can put on a great show for their parents. The children will learn about Jonah and the whale and the lost sheep. Spanish lessons, music classes, and interactive story time will continue.



This year has been a true blessing as we have children in the building and we were able to have our parties and allow parents to attend. Enrollment for the fall is underway. If you know any 3-5-year-olds needing a Christian preschool that will prepare them for elementary school please tell them about CUMCPS.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear CUMC,

I was blown away by the 247 wonderful cards you all wrote and/or made for the Veterans at McGuire Hospital and Sitter-Barfoot Veterans Care Center. The handmade cards by the kids were so cute. Some had lollipops or chocolates attached. Many of you are very crafty and made some gorgeous cards. The sweet messages inside all of them ranged from heartfelt get-well wishes to notes expressing your gratitude for their service. Well done, CUMC!

~Barbara MacIntyre

Dear CUMC Friends,

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, prayer shawl, cake, and cards of comfort and sympathy. Our Mother, Hazel Miller, went to her Heavenly home on Tuesday, January 25, 2022. Thank-you, Pastor Nathan, for your visit, prayer, and special gift to her, by us singing her favorite hymn, "Amazing Grace."

~Sherri Snelson and Debi Sheffield

April Birthdays

April 1

Hunter Beazley, Jr.
Elaine Biedler
Matt Coyner
Ben Lashley
Carol Ray

April 2

Malcolm Stone

April 3

Mike Clark
Amy Tirrell
Jake Zimmerman

April 4

Tyler Dougherty
Courtney Farrell
Patrick Rhea
Reed Willingham

April 5

Andrew Biedler
Stephanie Decker
Amy Gray
Carla Hoffmann
Debbie Lewis
Zachary Lewis

April 6

Adam Aslan
Kathy Baker
Lara Howe
Daniel Spadaccia

April 7

Audrey Farrell
Roberta McCotter
Reid Miller
Caroline Rutledge

April 8

Shayna Barnes
Gavin Carraway
Janet Farmer
Olivia Johnston
Jaime Wisegarver
Lauren Wood

April 9

Kathleen Herrmann
Brandon Lewis
Savanna Schaffer
Evan Slaasted
Lisa Zoller

April 10

Karen Cole
Scott Hoffmann
Chris Hulbert
Elizabeth Porter
Kathryn Smith
William Waterson

April 11

Megan Carson
Merlin Mitchell
R.D. Nixon
Ryan Patton
Donald Tipton

April 12

Lisa Irving
Carter Keffer

April 13

Jackson Angle
Vince D'Agostino
Stephen Kirtley
Ben Patton
Anna Thomas
Ray Trevillian

April 14

Ian Drewry
Jim Harris
Kris Spadaccia

April 15

Justin Blankenbecler
Clarence Curtis, III
Jeremy Goodman
Rakell Houston
Ryan Moore
Donna Nunery
Jude Squires

April 16

Teresa Blaylock
William Coghill
Matthew McHugh
Kelly Woodard

April 17

Aaron Anderson
Ruth Copa
Bud Lewis, Jr.
Greg Pennington
Louise Sheets

April 18

Anne McQueen
Cassidy Roy
Anna Thysell

April 19

Kate Comer
June Hopkins
Louan Stanfield
Walt Stone, III

April 20

Mark Bradley
Mitchell Kessinger
Carol Koon
Ann Roper

April 21

Adam Daugherty
Kathy Goyne
Jeff McCormack
Lynn McHugh
Donna Michaelis
Scott Moody

April 22

Gwen Byer
Jonathan Hayes
Alex Woods

April 23

Bella Brummette
Bob Davis
Bruce Johnson
Tam Moody

April 24

Sue Coleman
Liz Denby
Ileen Helm
Dennis Lipscomb
John D. Phillips

April 25

Ava Gray
L.A. Ruffin III
Jennifer Smith

April 26

John Edward Ezell
Natalie Farrell
Queen Giles
Hailey Houston
Phyllis Knaack
Julia Sharpe
Roseanne Tatum
Ashley Watson

April 27

Chad Beck
Ava Brummette
Ben Comer
Elyse Snow
Meghan Stewart-Morgan
Parker Stone

April 28

Scott Akom
Gypsy Cook
Miranda Grave
David Mann

April 29

Charleene Holmes
Don Sexton
Sarah Walls
Terri Watson
Steve Yuoconis

April 30

Beth Comer
Brad Lenz
Ruth Lucy
Liz Sarver
Austin Voros

May Birthdays

May 1

Janet Bradley
Timothy Ellis
Clara Gestwick
Regan Miller
Evan Moody
Joe Spadaccia
Jack Swofford

May 2

Robert Bradford
Aubrey Gibson
Katie Lewis
Rita Stewart

May 3

Matthew James
Rev. Marg Kutz
Vivian Wilkes

May 4

Vickie Andrews
Tucker Biedler
Patrick Coker
Robert Crowell, Jr.
Deborah Hetrick
Dennis Janderwski
Matthew Jenkins
Emory Large
Abby Miller
Willie Orton
Nancy Parker
Diana Smith
Phil Strange

May 5

Dean Bodenhorn
Nick Ford
Brandon Hawkins
Mari Hayes
Grant Hutchins
Frank Jones
Lisa Munchel
Matthew Parisi
Lauren Vaughan
Lauren Wells
Amanda Yerby

May 6

Sarah Dovel
Virginia Smith
Barbara Yandle

May 7

Fran Barnes
Anne Bledsoe
Allison Faucette
Ashley Faucette
Draden Gaffney
Sawyer Gaffney
Nicholas Goodman
Morgan Hall
David Spadaccia
Amy Trietiak

May 8

Linda Harper
Luka Seal

May 9

Mallory Hall
Abigail Martin
Bobbie Morrisette

May 10

Abigail Bradford
Todd Cassell
Jim Davis
Grace Dho
Rod Martinko
Dorothy Nugent
Lydia Snyder

May 11

Carson Davis
Lisa Hammersley

May 12

Yvonne Avery
MacKenzie Garrett
Laura Watson

May 13

Keith Boyd
June Gilliam
David Kirtley
Troy Potvin

May 14

David Coker
Joan Gilpin
Debra Gruschow
Mindy Kelley
Brooke Kiebler
Carey Parisi
Peyton Radford
Ray Smith
Isabella Solaimani
Brandon Williamson

May 15

Anabel Bittenbender
Lloyd Bradshaw, Jr.
Lexi Deckert
Elizabeth Ford
Lauren Townsend
Ellen Trimble
Pat Wood

May 16

Mary Davis
Zachary Jacka
Jacob LeSueur
Ashley Willis

May 17

Anne Cabell Bauersachs
Rachel Bowman
Doug Helm, Sr.

May 18

Lisa Harmon
Becky York

May 19

Samantha Hetrick
Damon Honn
Jack Price
Betty Waldrop
David Webb

May 20

Ella Gray
Paige Irving
Camille Keffer
John Walls, III

May 21

Ehle Abicht
Jordan Chapin
Conner Jernigan
Ethan Mick
Blair Rogers
Theodore Sizemore

May 22

James Asbury, Jr.
Diane Coghill
Blakely James
Terri Moody
Wanda Reese
Rob Vilak, Jr.

May 23

Ron Dombrowski
Robert Henderson
Richard Parisi
Robert Simmons, Jr.

May 24

Rick Beazley, Jr.
Martha Floyd
Paige Smith

May 25

Donna Elbon
Daniel Morrison
Brian Radford
Dick Shoff

May 26

Danny Baylor
Jeff Gaffney
Stan Hargraves
Joshua Hetrick
Sue Latta
Jamie Strawn II
Charles Williams

May 27

Harper Arntson
Rachel Betz
Rachel Dishman
Edwin Hoffmann
Jason Lowder
Melissa Rasnick

May 28

Logan Fields
Jennifer Honn
Bob Napolitano
Ron Patterson
Meagan Smith
Raegan Wisniewski

May 29

Janet Tipton
Jennifer Winn

May 30

Kaylee Fogelman
Emily Galarza
Barbara Geigerich
Erika Haskins
Benjamin Hetrick
Amy Perdue
Will Schmidt
Pat Stanfield

May 31

Jack Akom
Michael Blankenbecler
Jennifer Brame
Kathleen Kessinger
Charlotte Taylor
Peyton Taylor



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