



September 4, 2022

9:55 AM

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

I Feel Like Traveling On  
Sweeter As the Days Go By  
Standing in the Need of Prayer  
Mighty to Save

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

How Great Thou Art  
*Dan Hayes*

**SCRIPTURE**

Colossians 3:18-4:6  
*NIV*

**MESSAGE**

“Colossal Teaching:  
When We Get it Wrong and When We Get it Right”  
*Rev. Nathan Decker*

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
Sept. 11	<i>The Importance of Being Small</i>	Mark 3:7-19a, NCV
Sept. 18	<i>Pray for the Strangers</i>	1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43, NRSV
Sept. 25	<i>First Fruits from Heaven</i>	James 1:17-18, MEV

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### **FRESH START SERVICE**

September 4, 2022—8:30 AM



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

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Father, Spirit, Jesus  
Build Your Kingdom Here  
Salt and Light  
Mighty to Save

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A Service of Worship and Praise  
11:00 AM

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after Pentecost

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*Please sign the red attendance pad, register for activities, and pass it to your neighbor.*

Welcome, Announcements and Greeting

Chimes

Prelude

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Pianist

\* Call to Worship No. 850-851 Psalm 134

Leader: Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,

**People: who stand by night in the house of the Lord!**

Leader: Lift up your hands in the holy place,

**People: May the Lord who made heaven and earth bless you from Zion.**

\* Opening Prayer <sup>1</sup>

**We ask you, O Lord, for the gifts of your Spirit. Enable us to penetrate the depth of the whole truth, and grant that we may share with others the goods you have put at our disposal. Teach us to overcome divisions. Send us your Spirit to lead to full unity your sons and daughters in full charity, in obedience to your will; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* Opening Hymn No. 370 *Victory in Jesus*

Why We Give

Offertory

*How Great Thou Art*

Dan Hayes

\* Doxology No. 95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

Hymn No. 382	<i>Have Thine Own Way, Lord</i>	Stanzas 1 & 4
Scripture	<i>Colossians 3:18-4:6</i>	NIV
Sermon	<i>Colossal Teaching: When We Get It Wrong and When We Get It Right</i>	Rev. Nathan Decker
Holy Communion		p. 12
* Closing Hymn No. 547	<i>O Church of God, United</i>	
* Benediction		
* Postlude		

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\* *Please stand as you are able.* **Bold print indicates a response in unison.**

**Hearing Assistance Devices, Large Print Hymnals, and Braille Hymn Sheets** are available for use in the Sanctuary. Please ask an usher.

**Worship Footnotes:**

<sup>1</sup> United Methodist Hymnal No.556, “Litany for Christian Unity.”

**CALENDAR**  
*September 4-11, 2022*

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

Today: 8:30 AM	Nursery until 12:00 PM Fresh Start Worship-DFH	6:30 PM	Disciple New Life GP-Annex
9:30 AM	Sun Sch Gr PK-5 <sup>th</sup> -Rm 213		Boy Scout Leaders-20
9:45 AM	Youth Sun Sch-Annex Loft	Fri.:	Office Closed
	Adult Sunday Sch-Variou	Sat.:	
9:55 AM	Bridge Service-DFH		
11:00 AM	Traditions Service-DFH	<b>Next Sunday:</b>	<b>September 11, 2022</b>
4:00 PM	NO Youth Group	8:30 AM	Nursery until 12:00 PM
Mon.:	OFFICE CLOSED		Fresh Start Worship-DFH
Tues.:	1:00 PM Stephen Ministers-226	9:30 AM	Sun Sch Gr PK-5 <sup>th</sup> -Rm 213
	History Com-220	9:45 AM	Youth Sun Sch-Annex Loft
Wed.:	9:30 AM Steph Min Training-205		Adult Sunday Sch-Variou
	10:00 AM Visitation-226	9:55 AM	Bridge Service-DFH
	7:00 PM CHANCEL CHOIR-	11:00 AM	Traditions Service-DFH
	Music Suite	12:15 PM	<b>CHURCH PICNIC</b>
Thurs.:	7:30 AM Men's Group-Grant's Coffee	3:30 PM	Sunday Soles-Annex Lot
	10:30 AM Bookman F'ship-DFH	4:00 PM	MS/HS Youth-Annex Loft
	11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer-Parlor	6:30 PM	Playground wt Pastor-Point of Rocks Park
	1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor		
Thurs.	6:00 PM Presch Back to Sch-Sanc		

**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."



**Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, September 11, 2022**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Maureen Coker	
	<b>9:55</b>	Stephanie Decker	
	<b>11:00</b>	Beth Stewart, Joan Osborne	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Dave Coker*, Bill Comer, Ron Dombrowski	*Head Usher
	<b>9:55</b>	Linda D'Agostino*, Diane Medina	
	<b>11:00</b>	Gordon Jones*, Larry Koon, Bob Kutz, Emory Large, Beth Stewart	
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>8:30, 9:55, 11:00</b>	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!*

**Our Parish Nurse, Cindy Webb** is in today, 9:00 -10:45 AM in Office 111.

**Bible Presentation, Sunday, September 11:** We will present age-appropriate Bibles to our Kindergarten and 3rd Grade students during worship. *Please register in the pew pad* if you have an eligible child so we can be sure to include them.

**Church Picnic, Sunday, September 11:** Join us immediately following our 11:00 AM worship service as we kick off our fall season of church activities. Fried chicken and beverages will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share AND your lawn chairs to dine and fellowship together on the Parsonage Lawn. Food will be set up in the Fellowship Hall along with a few tables for those who choose not to go outside. Call Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396, or the Church Office for more information.

**Calling All Youth:** Sunday September 11, 4:00 PM the middle and high school youth will resume their semimonthly Sunday meetings at the Annex Loft. ALL 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join in study, missions, and fun! POC: Jennifer Brame ([youthleaders@chesterumc.org](mailto:youthleaders@chesterumc.org))

**Kid's Koinonia Communion Training:** Sunday, September 18, at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall for first and second graders and their parents. Please join Pastor Nathan for a time of art, craft, experience, and growth to explore how God loves us through bread, juice, and Jesus. (On October 2, the children will assist with serving communion at the Fresh Start service.) *Please register in the pew pad if you and/or your child will be attending the training.*

**\$4,000 in Donations Needed for Rise Against Hunger Project** on Mission Sunday, September 25. In one afternoon, we will pack 10,000 meals! Make checks payable to CUMC (Memo: RAH)

**Mission Sunday, September 25:** We need all hands on deck as we serve Christ and our community. Join us for prayer and instructions at 8:30 AM before we dive into our projects. We'll have one worship service at 11:00 AM (no Sunday school) followed by a hot dog lunch. At 12:30 PM, we will get to work on the meal kits for Rise Against Hunger. Projects include: delivering treats and cards to local fire stations (recommended for children and families, treats provided); packing health kits for UMCOR; Ecoff AVE clean up (recommended for youth and families); writing cards for veterans and shut-ins; and a choir concert for the Chester Village Senior Apartment residents (at 10 AM). After lunch, we'll pack 10,000 meals to help fight hunger! To sign up, scan the QR code, visit <https://bit.ly/3KBIEXt>, or register in the pew pad for the mission in which you wish to participate.



**KEEP IN PRAYER:** family of Vernelle Curtis; residents of Mississippi; family of Mike Jones; Charles “Pa” Decker (father of Pastor Nathan); Bucky & Louise Metcalf (friends of Wayne & Ginny Virag); Pamela Brown (daughter of Nancy Carrouth); Odette Burley (sister-in-law of Linda D’Agostino & Darlene Emerson); Brian & Lindsay Jones (son & daughter-in-law) of Gordon & Diane Jones); Paul Escobar (father-in-law of Heather Escobar); Paul & Diane Duffy; Ivy & June Gilliam; family of Bill Creed; family of Sheree Zimmerman; Albert West (uncle of Steve Shultz); Fred Shultz (brother of Steve Shultz); Jackie Carson (mother of Luke Carson); Cornelia Dewitt; Jo Browning (mother of Lisa Clark); Joe Kiser; Alfred Gerard (friend of Debbie Hubley); Marty Beverly; Isaias Garcia (friend of the Becks); Betty Owen (sister-in-law of Gail King); Vernelle Curtis; Kitty Lipscomb; Clayton Herring (brother of Linda Mottley); Doug and Clara Gestwick.

**Our Presence August 28, 2022**

Fresh Start Service ..... 109  
 The Bridge Service ..... 62  
 Traditions Service ..... 99  
 Online/Call In ..... 16  
**Total Worship Attendance..... 286**

**CHESTER UMC ONLINE RESOURCES**

- **Website:** [www.chesterumc.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:rmachachi@aol.com)).
- **The Chimes**, bi-monthly newsletter: Submit items to [communication@chesterumc.org](mailto:communication@chesterumc.org) on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

**Leading Our Worship TODAY, September 4, 2022**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Bill & Karen Comer	
	<b>9:55</b>	Laura Hougland	
	<b>11:00</b>	Linda Large, Will Schmidt	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Gordon Morris*, Ron Dombrowski, Bruce Johnson	*Head Usher
	<b>9:55</b>	Jim Watkins*, JR Irvin	
	<b>11:00</b>	Gary Williams*, Marshall Henry, Tim & Beth Stewart, Kay Williams	
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>8:30, 9:55, 11:00</b>	Staff Members, Alistia Mabry & Carla Adams	



Exciting things are happening in our **Stephen Ministry** program at CUMC! On September 7, our Stephen Leaders will begin training a new class of Stephen Ministry participants! This 50-hour training will take place each Wednesday morning and on some designated Saturdays as well. Please keep our Leaders and participants in your prayers. As always, if you or someone you know is experiencing a difficult time, please feel free to contact Stephen Leader, Steve Osborne at 407-921-0227.

**Supplies for Veterans:** The patients at McGuire Veterans Hospital need personal items during their stay there. *Please place your donations in the labeled bin in the Missions Closet.* POC: Barbara MacIntyre ([telluwhatbarbara@aim.com](mailto:telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)). **ITEMS REQUESTED:** **bar soap** (unscented like Dove); **body wash** (like Arm & Hammer); cheap **shower shoes/flip flops** (men's sizes 6-12); men's medium size **sweatshirt & matching pants**; and **boxer shorts underwear** (sizes S to XXXL)

### **United Methodist Women:**

- **Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship** will meet on Thursday, September 8, 10:30 AM in Davis Fellowship Hall. Call Martha Miles, 748-5476, for details.
- **Jean Craig Fellowship** will meet Monday, September 12, 7:00 PM at the Petreys (7061 Conifer RD, N Chesterfield) for our long-awaited summer picnic. We welcome any women who are looking for an evening circle. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for details.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

<b>Sept. 7</b>	Stephen Ministry Training Begins, 9:30 AM – noon Chancel Choir Rehearsals Resume, 7 PM
<b>Sept. 10</b>	Men's Breakfast, DFH
<b>Sept. 11</b>	K & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentation Middle and High School Youth, 4:00 PM, Annex Loft Playground with the Pastor, 6:30 PM, Point of Rocks Playground
<b>Sept. 13</b>	Joy Singers rehearsals resume, 10:30 AM
<b>Sept. 17</b>	<b>Church Workday</b> , 9 AM – 2 PM,
<b>Sept. 18</b>	Fall <b>CONNECTIONS</b> (Sept. 18, Oct. 2, 9, 16), 9:45 AM, Rm 116 Kids Koinonia Communion session, 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders, 6 PM
<b>Sept. 21</b>	October-November CHIMES Deadline
<b>Sept 25</b>	<b>MISSION SUNDAY</b> , 8:30-11 AM, ONLY Traditions Service, NO SS
<b>Sept 29</b>	Singing Bowl Sound Bath, 6:30 PM, Room 226.
<b>Oct 4</b>	<b>Charge Conference</b> , 7 PM, Woods UMC, Petersburg
<b>Nov. 5</b>	Turkey Pot Pie Dinner, 6:00 PM, DFH, cost \$12/person



## **SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS**

**Children's Sunday School:** 9:30 – 9:55 playground, 10:00 – 10:45 Bible/gospel lesson & activities. Grades K-2 meet in Room 216, and grades 3-5 in Room 213. POC: Chad Beck ([chadbeck@chesterumc.org](mailto:chadbeck@chesterumc.org))

### **Sunday Soles—Faith on the Move: Resumes September 11**

Sundays at 3:30 PM, at the Annex, weather permitting. Check the church Fb page for cancellation or time changes for the walk/run. We start with a group warm-up, then a 2-mile loop. Routes provided so you can go at your own pace. POC: Sarah Bowers ([messagebysarahb@gmail.com](mailto:messagebysarahb@gmail.com))

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

9:45 AM, Room 205; POC: Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396  
Visitors and new members are always welcome.

### **Journey Sunday School Class: “What is the Bible,” by Rob Bell**

9:45 AM, Annex and Google Meet (<https://meet.google.com/ptm-pieh-vve>)  
POCs: Carolyn Landis ([landisfamily05@gmail.com](mailto:landisfamily05@gmail.com));  
Eric Houglund ([ehouglund88@gmail.com](mailto:ehouglund88@gmail.com))

### **Seekers Sunday School Class**

9:40 AM, Room 226; POC: Barbara MacIntyre ([telluwhatbarbara@aim.com](mailto:telluwhatbarbara@aim.com))  
We welcome visitors and new members.

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

9:45 AM, Parlor; POC: Cynthia Corley ([cacorley@ctsi.net](mailto:cacorley@ctsi.net))

### **Small Group Bible Study (Adult) begins September 11, 2022**

9:45 AM, Room 221; Facilitated by Jeff Marlin ([jeff.marlinabd@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.marlinabd@gmail.com))

### **Middle and High School Youth Sunday School**

9:45 AM, Annex Loft  
POC: Rev. Chad Beck ([chadbeck@chesterumc.org](mailto:chadbeck@chesterumc.org))

### **Friendship Ministry Class**

10:40 AM, Room 116, for adults who are cognitively challenged  
POC: Mary Hayes ([JLMinNaples@msn.com](mailto:JLMinNaples@msn.com))

### **Bridge Builders**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, 12:15–1:30 PM, in Room 226  
Begins **September 18** in Room 226.  
Then Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, Mar. 12, Apr 16 (due to Easter), and May 14.

## 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](mailto:julieferry@gmail.com))

**Thursday Morning Men's Group:** Thursdays, 7:30 AM at Grants Coffee Co. (11884 Chester Village DR). POC: Vann Stanfield ([vannstan34@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:beverly.trevillian@comcast.net)) & June Gilliam (804-748-6668)

**Village People Study, Socialize, & Service Group Schedule:** meets Mondays, September 19, October 3, and October 17, **2:00 PM**, Community Room at Chester Village Senior APTS (11701 Chester Village DR). POC: Bruce Johnson ([bruce\\_bethjohnson@yahoo.com](mailto:bruce_bethjohnson@yahoo.com))

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**Manak Community Health Organization in Sierra Leone Update:** Thank you, Church, for your generous donations of fabric, sewing machines, yarn, costume jewelry, art supplies, books, and money for shipping. The supplies will aid the Manak Community's efforts to grow their entrepreneurship opportunities for women. We will continue collections donations through September 30. Place your items in the labeled bin in the Missions Closet. Visit <https://manakhealth.com/> for upcoming fundraising opportunities. POC: Diane Merryman ([dianemerrman@gmail.com](mailto:dianemerrman@gmail.com))

**Singing Bowl Sound Bath:** Thursday, September 29, 6:30 PM in Room 226. The Contemplative Prayer group will host Jim Morgan who will lead us in a sound bath. A "sound bath" is a meditative experience using sound waves produced by singing bowls, chimes, percussion, and other instruments. Using frequency and vibration, the listener is invited to simply be present (seated or reclined), focus on breath, and clear one's mind. It is an invitation to discover our deeper self and connect with the Divine. All are welcome to join us! You may want to bring a yoga mat and a pillow. POC: Lisa Stanfield ([lisajostanfield@gmail.com](mailto:lisajostanfield@gmail.com))

**Playground with the Pastor:** September 11, 25 and October 9, 23 at Point of Rocks Park (201 Enon Church RD, Chester 23836—R. Garland Dodd Park.). Join us for fun with Chester UMC friends and family.

**Want to Help our Youth Grow in their Faith and Life?** Our Middle and High School Youth gather every Sunday morning (9:30 AM) and twice a month on Sunday afternoons. We spend our time together doing devotions, having conversation, and playing games, but mostly reminding each other we are all welcomed and loved deeply. We love our adult volunteers and would like to see more of you get involved in the lives of our youth. Please contact Pastor Nathan or Jennifer Brame ([youthleaders@chesterumc.org](mailto:youthleaders@chesterumc.org)) for more information.

**Interested in Becoming an Acolyte?** The 8:30 Service wants you! Come to a brief information and training session immediately following the 8:30 Service.

**Who?** Anyone old enough to independently light candles (\*parent approval required\*)

**Where?** Fellowship Hall

**What Time?** 9:30-9:45 AM

**When?** Please attend one of the following training sessions:

September 25

October 2

October 23

October 30

\* If the interested child is 8 or under, parent or guardian is encouraged to attend. POC: Megan Johnston ([shortstrides@hotmail.com](mailto:shortstrides@hotmail.com))

**Dinner for Six or Eight:** Couples and singles gather once a month September - November and January - May at a host home (who provides the meat and beverage). Others bring an appetizer (optional), bread, salad, vegetables, or dessert. Each month, someone else in the group hosts. Don't be shy...it may be 2 couples and 2 singles or 3 couples or a combination of up to 8 people. We will group everyone and let you know when and where the first dinner will be held. The hostess will contact you to decide what everyone will bring that compliments the meal.

This is a great opportunity to get to know fellow churchgoers whom you have not met—or perhaps that attend a different service. You do not have to be a member of CUMC. *If interested, please sign up in the Sunday pew pad and indicate if you are willing to host.* POC: Mary Musselwhite (804-330-0014)

**"You Are Safe With Me" Rainbow Pins** are still available in the Church Office. Wear one at church and in the community to let our LGBTQ+ friends know that you love and support them. The pins are free, but donations are welcome (\$10 suggested). Checks payable to CUMC (Memo: Pins).

**Church WORKDAY, Saturday, September 17:** We have a number of maintenance and cleanup projects around our facility that need attention. Please join us at 9:00 AM on Saturday morning as we spruce up the church. Our Trustees have prepared a list of jobs for all ages.

**Mission Trip to Western Virginia:** Sunday, November 6–Saturday, November 12, to help with flood relief. Deadline for applications is Wednesday, October 12. We will leave after the early service on November 6 and return in the evening on November 12. *Applications are available in the Church Office.* If you are interested in going or want more details, please contact Keith Mottley (540-760-4376; [keith.mottley@comcast.net](mailto:keith.mottley@comcast.net)).

**JOIN THE FRESH START SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS IN STUDY, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE:**

- Beginning September 11, “Don’t Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart: How to Relate to Those Who are Suffering” by Kenneth Haugk from Stephen Ministry Resources. “Like one who takes away a garment on a cold day, or like vinegar poured on soda, is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.” (Proverbs 25:20) This proverb describes an all-too-human problem each of us faces from time to time. We want to reach out and help those who are hurting—but the words or actions we use may unintentionally add to their burden instead of easing their pain. Forged from author Kenneth C. Haugk’s own experiences of suffering, the book draws on extensive research with those who have experienced various kinds of suffering in their lives, offering key insights and suggestions of what to say and do—and what not to say or do—when people are hurting.

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.

**CUMC Nursery Position Opening:** 8:00 AM -12:30 PM weekly on Sundays. Applicants must be able to pass a background check, be responsible for children from birth to school age, and have a warm personality. To apply, send resumes to [cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org](mailto:cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org) or call the Church Office (804-748-6006) to set up an interview.