

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2022

THE CHIMES

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TURKEY POT PIE DINNER

Saturday, November 5, 6:00 PM—*All Members of the Chester Community* are invited to feast on **Turkey Pot Pie** and all the trimmings *plus* musical entertainment from **THE NOTABLES**, a Richmond based, mixed-voice community of singers, with a diverse ensemble that performs both an a cappella and accompanied repertoire. Proceeds will help support the mission projects of the United Methodist Women, including, but not limited to CUMC Food Pantry, Back Pack Ministries, Christmas Mother, Samaritan Fund, and Youth Mission Trip. **Tickets, available beginning October 1, are required, \$12 per person**, checks made payable to **Chester UMW**. Call the Church Office, 748-6006 or Susan Petrey, 938-5396.



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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Mission Sunday 2022

was a huge success! Thanks to everyone who participated! We were able to complete a number of projects that will impact our community. We even packed over 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger that will help feed hungry mouths around the world!

Slideshow: <https://youtu.be/gakEj87QhGM>

*Fall Family
Painting Class*

WHERE: CHESTER UMC
WHEN: SUNDAY OCTOBER 16, 1:00PM
ALL ARE WELCOME
PLEASE RSVP TO CHARL208@YAHOO.COM

**Trunk
or
Treat**

Monday, October 31 @ 5 PM
School Street Gravel Lot

CONSPICUOUS LOVE

by Pastor Nathan Decker

*“This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples,
when you love each other.” -John 13:35*



Every now and then I get to attend one of those great coming of age ceremonies that our churches are blessed to be a part – an Eagle Scout Ceremony. Being an Eagle Scout is the highest rank in the BSA program. It is an amazing achievement for anyone. But at this particular ceremony, a word caught my ear. “Remember that your actions are now a little more conspicuous...” Scouts stand out. Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts – when they put on that uniform it marks them as a target for judgment, envy, and eyes that seek negativity. It is almost as if the whole world is just waiting for someone in that uniform to screw up so that there can be a media frenzy, lawsuits, and policy changes. I understand this, because Christ taught us to understand this as Christians.

As a Christian, I am not of this world. I love this world. I love my country. But I recognize that I am, as one theologian put it, a “resident alien.” I am a citizen of God’s realm, I reside here. I am not of this world, I am alien. The moment I was baptized, I was marked, spiritually circumcised, and uniformed to be conspicuous in love, particular in behavior, and radical in hospitality. God claimed me as a part of the Body of Christ. God put me to work to bring the world fully into the Kingdom of God, to be a part of the salvation of the cosmos. I am a child of God, and that means there is an expectation that there is a difference.

A problem we have in today’s church is that we equate being a good citizen of this world with being a good citizen of God’s Kingdom. That works one way, but not necessarily both. Being a Christian should make us more thoughtful, more deliberate, and perhaps more intentional in our being a citizen of this world. But being a good citizen does not equate to behaving like Jesus.

In the early church, Christians (and their children) were baptized naked. As they came out of the water the first thing that the church did was robe them in white. It wasn’t to say we were better than anyone else. We are not bragging about divine brownie points. It was our uniform that said we were now conspicuous. Jesus prayed that we would be “known by our love for one another.”

If you are like me, the only time you see the church in the headlines and in the new television shows is when we are stereotyped into backwards, brainwashed buffoons power hungry on using political means to make everyone believe the way we do. While this is conspicuous and even outlandish, it doesn’t seem like we are wearing the uniform God told us to put on in our Baptism.

Our passion is to live life through the passion of Christ. Our strength comes from living in our weaknesses. Our power resides in lowering ourselves to be with the powerless. Our salvation and eternal life comes from denying ourselves, taking up our cross, and following Jesus even to the point of death. The attention we should get as a people of faith should be about our love of the unlovable, our welcome of the outcast, and our honest confession that we are broken people offering a wounded Savior to heal a broken world. That kind of love draws attention. It did in Jesus day, and I know it still does today. Live a conspicuous life, after all, it’s what Jesus would do.

*“My kingdom doesn’t originate from this world. If it did, my guards would fight so that I wouldn’t
have been arrested by the Jewish leaders. My kingdom isn’t from here.”
-Jesus in John 18:36*

MUSIC NOTES

Christmas is just around the corner! And the fun is already starting in our music ministry. Rehearsals for our Christmas musical, “Love Made A Way,” will begin on Saturday, October 15, at 9:30 AM. Then, we rehearse weekly on Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM. Singers of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to join us!

I’ll be sharing the stage with my friend Georgia Rogers Farmers in a cabaret at the Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen on Saturday, November 12, at 7:00 PM. Order tickets here: <https://cacga.na.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/13442>

“Sing”-cerely,
Joshua Wortham, Minister of Music

CHAD'S CHALLENGES

A Call to Pray for Our Latino (Hispanic) Ministry



“When a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name ... then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and revere you” 1 Kings 8:41, 43.

Our church has a long history of positively impacting our community. That history has included our ongoing care for the Greenleigh mobile home community where most of the residents are Latino (Hispanic).

We are in the beginning phases of planting a new Latino faith community. We want to invite them to be members of the body of Christ with us. Back in June, I began a Latina women’s Bible study. We currently meet on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month. I am also working with an emerging group of Latino children and youth (mostly boys, a few girls) that revolves around soccer and faith, or what I call “soccer church.”

Many, though certainly not all, Latinos in the Chester area are immigrants, or what English language Bibles (depending on the translation) calls “strangers,” “foreigners,” “resident aliens,” or “sojourners.” In his prayer dedicating the temple in 1 Kings 8, Solomon provides a model for our church. He prays for the foreigner. Solomon’s prayer stresses the care that the community of faith shows for the stranger. Solomon prays that all peoples would experience God’s love and serve God and the community alongside the Israelites.

Likewise, Jesus’ church prays for and cares for the needs of strangers—whether they are immigrants or are simply different from the majority members of the local church. Jesus’ church wants all people to experience God’s love in Christ, to share in salvation, and to grow as disciples.

I call you to pray for our church’s Latino (Hispanic) ministry. Pray for this ministry at home daily. I call your small group at CUMC to pray for this ministry every time you get together. Here are some suggestions:

Pray for ...

- The Latina women’s small group Bible study.
- Our Latino “soccer church” with Latino children, youth, and families.
- The Greenleigh and broader Latino community in the Chester area.
- CUMC disciples who are participating in our church’s Latino ministry.
- Pastor Chad’s pastoral leadership and boldness in planting a new Latino faith community that will be members of the body of Christ with us.

Thank you for your prayers! May the peace of Christ be with you.

DINNER FOR SIX OR EIGHT

Gathering together for a meal is a way to fellowship with other people in the church and get to know them. Couples and singles gather once a month October - 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.

The sign-up sheet is in the Sunday pew pad. Please indicate if you are willing to host and include your email address and phone number. We will group everyone and let you know when the first dinner will be held and where. 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 church-goers that you have not met—or perhaps they attend a different service. You do not have to be a member of CUMC. Sign up...it is a lot of fun! POC Mary Musselwhite at 804-330-0014.



STEPHEN MINISTERS-The After People

People often ask, “What exactly is a Stephen Minister?” One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the After People.

Stephen Ministers are there:

- ... after the phone call you hoped you'd never get
- ... after the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... after the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... after the doctor says, “I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do.”
- ... after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”
- ... after the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ... after the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ... after you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ... after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long after as needed. If you, or someone you know, could benefit from our one-to-one caring ministry, please call our referrals coordinator and Stephen Leader, Vince D'Agostino at 804-461-8529.

HARVEST MOON ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT

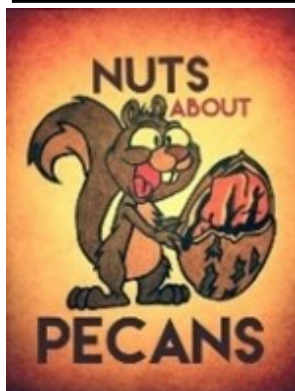
Chester United Methodist Preschool is sponsoring a concert on **Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 7:00 PM** to support our preschool scholarship program. Tickets are \$5.00 each, children 12 and under are free. The program will feature dancing, music, and singing from various Broadway hits! It will be a night you will not want to miss.



CUMCPS is in full swing now with chapel, music, and story time having started. The children are getting into the daily routine and are thriving. We have a trip to the pumpkin patch and our Thanksgiving program and luncheon in October and November respectively.

It's not too late to join the fun if you have or know a child between the ages of 3-5.

HARVEST MOON ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT
Chester United Methodist Church
Preschool Fundraiser
Admission \$5
Featuring Broadway Music
Natan Berenshteyn
Chelsea Buyalos
Katherine Oros
Jack Price
Thursday, October 20
7:00 PM
12132 Percival Street
Chester, VA 23831

The poster features a vintage microphone on the left and a blue electric guitar on the right. The background is dark with a white outline of a person's head and neck.

WHALEY PECANS

Whaley Pecans Annual Sale by the Ladies of Faith. Orders are being taken now. Harvesting will be late October with delivery in early November. Register in the pew pad or contact Betty Labin (804-748-3516) or Lorraine Young (804-748-6852) to order (\$12.00 per pound for halves or pieces). Please make checks payable to Ladies of Faith.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Tuesday, October 4, 7:00 PM
Woods Edge UMC (Petersburg)

The Charge Conference directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the Church Council, reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, sets salaries for the pastor and staff, elects the members of the Church Council, and recommends candidates for ordained ministry.

SHOEBOXES FOR GREENLEIGH

One of the ways we share God's love with families in our community is by packing Christmas shoe boxes for the children of Greenleigh Mobile Home Park. If you would like to support this merry ministry, choose BOY or GIRL, one of the following age ranges, and purchase items that will fit inside a shoe box. Wrap the box (but do not seal it) and label it with the gender and age group. Age Ranges are 2-3 years, 4-6 years, 7-9 years and 10-12 years old.

Gift suggestions include balls, yo-yos, dolls, stuffed animals, puzzles, bubbles, hair accessories, brushes, combs, mirrors, notepads, pens, pencils, chapstick, toothbrushes, jewelry, socks, hats, gloves, etc. Be creative! *(Please do not include candy, gum, or toy weapons.)* Drop off the prepared boxes in the Missions Closet, the Atrium, or the outside Sharing Bin no later than Monday, November 14. POC: Jan Bryant 804-241-3583



MISSION TRIP to Buchanan, 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).

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, October 3, 7:00 PM Room 205. We will work on Halloween gift bags for UMFS. We welcome any women who are looking for an evening circle. Call Susan Petrey for details.
- **Salad Luncheon**—All Women of the Church are invited to a luncheon meeting of the UMW Sunday, October 9, immediately following 11 o'clock worship. Our program will be presented our own Terri Dombrowski, who will tell us about the Hispanic ministry here at CUMC and how we can help. The Jean Craig Fellowship will host. Bring a salad or dessert to share.
- The **Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship** will meet on Thursday, October 13, 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Call Martha Miles, 748-5476, for more information.
- **UMW Turkey Pot Pie: Saturday, November 5**
9:00 AM—Prep and Setup
6:00 PM—Dinner and Entertainment
- The **Jean Craig Fellowship** will meet on Monday, November 7, 7:00 p.m. Room 205. We will work on Thanksgiving Dinners to Go for CCHASM. Call Susan Petrey for details.

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

CARDS FOR VETERANS

On Mission Sunday, one creative group designed cards to thank veterans at McGuire hospital for their service to our country. If you would like to make/write cards to the veterans, we will be collecting them in the Sharing Bin and in the Mission Closet Oct. 15-Sunday, November 6. ***Please do not seal envelopes and only sign your first name or "A Friend at Chester United Methodist Church."*** Veterans Day is November 11.

The next card collection will be for Christmas along with donations of men's boxer style underwear, sizes S-XXXL. POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

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 204, and grades 3-5 in Room 206. POC: Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

Sunday Soles—Faith on the Move Walking Group
3:30 PM, Annex lawn; POC: Sarah Bowers (massagebysarahb@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
9:45 AM, Annex and Google Meet (<https://meet.google.com/ptm-pieh-vve>)
POCs: Carolyn Landis (landisfamily05@gmail.com);
Eric Houglan (ehouglan88@gmail.com)

Seekers Sunday School Class
9:40 AM, Room 226; POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)
We welcome visitors and new members.

Senior Singles Sunday School Class
9:45 AM, Parlor; POC: Cynthia Corley (cacorley@ctsi.net)

***NEW* Adult Small Group Bible Study**
9:45 AM, Room 221; Facilitated by Jeff Marlin (jeff.marlinabd@gmail.com)

Middle and High School Youth Sunday School
9:45 AM, Annex Loft
POC: Rev. Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

Friendship Ministry Class
10:40 AM, Room 116, for adults who are cognitively challenged
POC: Mari Hayes (JLMinNaples@msn.com)

Bridge Builders
2nd Sunday of the month, 12:15–1:30 PM, in Room 226
Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, Mar. 12, Apr 16 (due to Easter), and May 14.

Middle & High School Youth Meetings: Scheduled Sundays, 4:00 PM, at the Annex Loft. ALL 6th through 12th graders are invited to join in study, missions, and fun! Next meeting is 4 PM, Sunday, October 9. POC: Jennifer Brame (youthleaders@chesterumc.org)

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)

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 Schedule meets Mondays, 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)

WEEKLY SMALL GROUPS, *Cont.*

Women's Christian Book Club: 1st Thursday each month, 6:30 PM at the Annex Loft. Begins October 6. You will have a month to read each book before we gather to discuss it. POC: Jennifer Brame (jrbrooksiee@gmail.com)

"Strum and Smile" Small Group will gather in the Music Suite on Saturdays at 10 AM. This is a group of guys and gals who play stringed instruments with no intention of performing. All levels of play are welcome! We will learn from one another, share in a reading of a Psalm, and grow together in Christ as we strum, pick, smile, grin, and let loose in a variety of musical madness. POC: Pastor Nathan

***NEW* Women's Bible Study-Bible Basics:** four 90-minute sessions. Monday Morning Sessions, 9/19, 9/26, 10/31, 11/7 at 9:30 AM. Thursday Evening sessions, 9/22, 9/29, 11/3, 11/10 AT 7 PM, Room 226 or ZOOM. You may mix and match sessions if needed. Register in the pew pad or contact Rev. Dr. Marg Kutz (margkutz72@gmail.com)

***NEW* Women's Lunch Group** will meet monthly at a local restaurant. Watch for more details. POC: Joan Osborne (josbor61@gmail.com)

FRESH START SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Join us in studying—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.

SEEKERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

A Visit to the Marketplace in Jerusalem: 9:40 AM, Room 226, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23. The Seekers Sunday School Class extends a personal invitation for you to join us on a four-Sunday historical and Biblical visit to the Marketplace in the time of Jesus and today. Explore the sights, sounds, buying, trading, and selling of all kinds of items. Be amazed in the comparisons of the Jerusalem Marketplace of today to the operations of more than 3500 years ago. Learn the Biblical stories from the Marketplace. Please bring your Bible. Rev. Dr. Ed Garrett will be our tour guide.

POC: Barbara MacIntyre (tellyouwhatbarbara@aim.com) /804-748-0775

UMW CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

Cookies Needed!!!—The UMW will be selling Homemade Christmas Cookies by the tin in the Fellowship Hall following worship on Sunday, December 11. UMWomen and members of the congregation, please commit to donate homemade cookies. Contact Katey McCarney (402-0084 or ks.petrey@gmail.com) and leave your name, a phone number, how many dozen, and what kind of cookie you will prepare. Cookies should be delivered to the church kitchen Saturday, December 10, 9-12. Questions? Call Katey McCarney, 402-0084.

Christmas Cookie Sale—The UMW will be selling Homemade Christmas Cookies by the Tin in the Fellowship Hall following worship on Sunday, December 11. Proceeds will go to support our gifts to mission local, national and international, including, but not limited to, our CUMC food pantry, United Methodist Family Services, Branches, and the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Sign up in the pew register with your name, phone number, whether you'd like a \$5, \$10 or \$20 tin, and whether you have any food restrictions (gluten, peanuts, etc.). How it works: You come to the fellowship hall, select your tin, go down the row and select your choice of cookies to fill the tin. [These are not pre-filled tins unless you call and specifically request pre-filled.] All orders due no later than December 4. Questions? Call Katey Petrey, 402-0084.





TACKY LIGHT RUN

Brace Your Elves!

Saturday, December 10, at Midlothian Mines Park. Registration for the CarMax Tacky Light Run is open. The 6K run/walk begins at 6 PM. Cost through Nov. 17, Adults \$35, Youth \$20 (ages 4-14). Visit <https://bit.ly/3SAuxTC> for more information. Register at <https://bit.ly/3UMz1IJ>. BE SURE TO SIGN UP for the church group (Chester Methodist Bells of Love) after you register.

POC: Natalie Galarza (familygalarza05@gmail.com)

BAPTISMS

Jason Gunner Compton, Baptized August 21, 2022. Jason was born on March 6, 2022, and is the son of Christiana Jasmin Garrett (C.J.) and Jason Compton, Jr. The proud grandparents are Jerrilynn and Jason Compton, Sr. (paternal); and Marian and Ed Garrett (maternal great grandparents).

Anthony Scott Napolitano, II, Baptized August 20, 2022. Anthony was born on May 5, 2022 to Anthony and Shira Napolitano, Sr. The paternal grandparents are Bob and Deborah Napolitano.

DEATHS

Sheree Harrell Zimmerman (July 30, 1957-August 13, 2022)

Michael Curtis Jones (November 21, 1955-August 20, 2022)

Vernelle Nussey Curtis (August 19, 1926-September 1, 2022)

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Marylou Cumby

G. Edmond Massey, IV and Ellen Massie
Jenny Fife
Skip and Pam Buyalos
Emory and Linda Large

Vernelle Curtis

David and Jill Jones
Jack and Linda Crocker
James and Kelly Beazley
Dr. James McNeer and Nancy McNeer
Harper C. Cole and Mrs. Rosa S. Cole
Robert and Shelby Bowles
Neal and Betty Plocek
Lloyd and Barbara Jacobs
Annie L. Crawford and Amy C. Ott
Myra Simmons
Marshall and Susan Henry
Gerald and Julie Hamilton

June Garrett

Wayne and Ginny Virag

Michael Curtis Jones

Janice Guyer
Dennis Knaack
James and Sarah Dilley

Dennis Knaack

Gail King
Emory and Linda Large
Michael and Mindy Kelley
Hunter Beazley, Jr., and Martha Miles
Paul and Diane Duffy
Thomas and Nancy Murdock

Sheree Harrell Zimmerman

Dudley Harrell and Connie Thompson

In Celebration of the Baptism of Anthony Scott Napolitano, II

Bob and Deborah Napolitano

Ronald King

Christ Leister/Qlarant
Hunter Beazley, Jr., and Martha Miles
Bill and Carrole Vaught
Emory and Linda Large

HISTORY MOMENT

Many of you may not know that Chester UMC sponsored a Cuban family in 1962 when people were fleeing Castro and coming to the United States. The Lopez family applied a year before they were allowed to leave the country and arrived in Miami.

"Our family which includes Felix Lopez, his wife Maria, daughter Eneida, 16 years, and son Gilberto, 13 years, arrived in Richmond with a large group of Cubans. Our adopted family did not speak English so Wesley and Joyce Soto along with Margaret Bennett (who also spoke Spanish) helped with communications. The family lived in the upstairs apartment of Eddie and Pat Goynes home. A job was found for Felix at Miller Manufacturing Company but it was hard for him. Besides the language problem, he was not used to the heavy physical work. He had been in sales in Cuba. Maria did babysitting and small jobs. The kids went to school. Gilberto helped Mac Phillips and me teach the children's choir a Christmas carol that they performed in church in Spanish that year. The church bought Gilberto a bicycle and he got a job delivering newspapers. After a year, the family decided to move to New Jersey where there was a large Cuban community across the river from New York City. There were more job opportunities without the language barriers. After finishing high school, Eneida worked for Pan American Airlines. Through her work, the whole family was able to travel and visit many countries. Gilberto went on to college and became an art teacher in Bloomfield, New Jersey. He also has made a name for himself as an artist and photographer. He has had exhibitions of his works, been published in magazines, and has won numerous prizes and honors as an outstanding Cuban artist." Joyce Soto, 1995



As I researched Gilberto Lopez on the internet, I discovered the depth of his work and many art forms that he has excelled in. His web site is <https://www.lopez-espina.com/> We have conversed for several months--he was so happy to hear from his friends at Chester Methodist Church! He gave us permission to print the beautiful photograph that now resides in the upper landing of the atrium. Also, he sent this "thank you note" to our congregation:

"With immense pleasure, I donate this photograph to the Chester United Methodist Church as a tiny expression of my appreciation. The exceedingly kind gestures extended by the church to me and members of my family can never be repaid. The church took us in at a time we desperately needed help and did so as if we were longtime members of their congregation. On behalf of myself, my sister Eneida and my deceased parents, our eternal gratitude and love to the Chester United Methodist Church."

I hope you will take a moment and view his gift to the church...and, also visit his website. Be sure to look at all of the tabs. He is incredibly talented! Mary Musselwhite, History Committee

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear CUMC,

On behalf of the veterans at McGuire VA Medical Center, we want to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of clothing items and toiletries.

We were amazed by your generosity. In August, CUMC donated 26 pairs of shower shoes, 3 sets of sweatpants, and shirts, 28 bottles of body wash, and 154 bars of soap, and an assortment of other toiletries. Veterans like to be able to mail cards to friends & family and 57 birthday cards were donated for them to send as well. THANK YOU!

~Barbara MacIntyre

CUMC,

Thank you so much for allowing us to use your beautiful church for Impact Chesterfield! We really enjoyed our time there and we are grateful for your efforts in making Impact a success!

~Samantha Richard, Impact On-Site Coordinator

BLOOD DRIVE—Book Your Appointment Today!

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

11:00 AM—4:00 PM in Davis Fellowship Hall

www.redcrossblood.org



October Birthdays

October 1

Theodore Ewalt
Silvia McCarney
Sue Thompson

October 2

Johnnie Davis
Ophelia Ewalt
Eric Houglan
Bee Malone
Ashley Pospahala
John Price

October 3

Celia Anderson
Alex Jackson
Jennifer Mauro
Landen Skora

October 4

Reagan Biedler
Andrew Patterson
Douglas Pawluk
Norman Smith
Mary Watson

October 5

Mollie Bess
Michael Watkins

October 6

Russell Chadwick
Maureen Coker
Geoffrey LeSueur
Robin Martin
Kaiden Walters

October 7

Khalif Banner
Aaron Beck
Kendall McCormack
Karen Meuller
Molly Stroupe
Karen Waring
Clayton Williams

October 8

Marilyn Baxter
Monica Brandenburg
Amy Brick
Oscar Lamas
Melissa Logsdon
Pat Pospahala
Ward Shelton
Peggy Tunstall

October 9

Betty Desportes
Noah Hetrick

October 9 (cont.)

Jake Hewitt
Jeff Howe
Grayson Kelley
Debbie Koller
Daryl Merryman
Jacob Miller
Scott Pugh
Doreen Stone

October 10

Amy Dodd
Donna Hawkins
Bev Nelan
Michelle Vaughan

October 11

Peggy Bishop
Wesley Fournelle

October 12

LuAnne Brubaker
Aaron Bryant
Lillian Daniels
Natalie Marshall
Rian Mey
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Brinkley Stone III
Alissa Watkins

October 13

Nathanial Akom
Robert Rhodes
Bob Talley

October 14

Reilly Fox
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Sharon Buchanan
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Craig Giegerich
Linda Large
Caroline Morgan
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Wayne Scruton
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Bodie Yandle

October 16

Philip Buzzee
Bob Feind Sr
Bill Getch II
Betty Labin
Josiah Landis

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Cami Leacock

October 17

Kat Chatham
Michael Jernigan
Emily McLendon
Stephen Pospahala
Stephanie Shelton

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Hunter Baylor IV
Doug Fox

October 19

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Cooper McCormack
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October 20

Rick Champion
Greg Daly
Trey Dicks
Chris Hopson
Corey Slaasted
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Grayson Matthews
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Geoffrey Waugh
Lynda Woods
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October 24

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George Verghese
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Carson Lowder
Lisa Stone

October 26

Kimberly Hammersley
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Alexandra Leigh
Raymond Potter
Jeff Trimble

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Al Magnin, Jr
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Wyatt Stanley
Sherry Zauinick

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Betty Martinko
Wyatt Sheppard
Lorraine Young

October 29

Patricia Black
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Sandra Dunnivant
Taisha Garcia
Jordi Lamas
Michael Larkin
Pam Wilson
Wesley Yandle

October 30

Carter-Ball Bogese
Ivey Gilliam
Henry Heyer
Karmy Noblitt
Kai Simonsen
Christian Stroupe
David Thomas

October 31

Karen Davis
Jenni Deckert
Sharon Gilliatt
Tami Kilbourne
Josefa Wall

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November 1

Darlene Fox
Kim Herndon
Ashley Lewis
Marcia Logsdon
Monica Swofford

November 2

Sharon Boroch
Cara Gilliatt
Drew Gilliatt
Pam Howe
Mary Perry
Don Schmidt
Jim Woolard Sr

November 3

Sarah Bain
Harold Crowder, Jr
Ben Fabian
Angela Jenkins
Charlotte Lang
Anroux Mey
Alexa Nixon
Lynda Richardson
Maureen Vilak

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Ed Hopkins
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Carly Johnson
Gordon Morris, II
Kent Yandle

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Lis Dickinson
Mark Hatchett
Clint Kiebler
Davis Mick
Susie Sizemore
Jennifer Williams

November 7

Nicholas Johnson
Kyle Kirwan
Dan Lewis
Richard Marshall

November 8

Elissa Brummette
Shirley Houston
Mike Larew
Gena Lashley
Rohith Thomas

November 9

Amanda Hoffmann
Chelsea Mariani
Alexander Marshall
Quinn Morrison
Sara Stanfield

November 10

George Eapen, Jr
Ella Radford
Mark Sizemore
John Vasa

November 11

Kim Betz
Brian Canipe
George Patterson
Charlotte Walls

November 12

Jessica Jacka
Michael Sizemore

November 13

Blake Boyd
Skip Buyalos, Jr
Jessica Griffin
Dana Thomas
Julie Watson

November 14

John Daugherty
Susan Frank
Kaitlyn Jones
Molly O'Gorman
Andrew Pike

November 15

Andrew Carraway
Chip Cobb
Dean Hutchins
Chase Potvin

November 16

Braydon Bishop
Emerson Bishop
John Ferguson
Don J. Higgins
Noah Johnson
Carolyn Landis
Christine Mick
Bonnie Moody

November 17

Taylor Allen
Wayne Banty
Jen Fournelle
Leslie Patton
Lincoln Roy
Sandy Stotesberry

November 18

Ruby Bishop
Lily Davis
Meghan Herrmann
Jeff Marlin
Avery Matthews
Brynn Matthews
Andrew Rivenbark

November 19

Sarah Bradshaw
Sharon Brick
Michael Cole
Kelly Corell
Eric Hodell
Christy Martin
Holly Scarborough
Zachary Williams
Keith Woods

November 20

Caden Flowers
Peyton Stone
Sam Henry Swofford

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Amanda Rutledge

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Chloe Jackson
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Ricky Watkins

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Luke Hutchins
Kerry Martin
Tony Shores
Leslie Thysell

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Brooke Dicks
Wade Dishman
Mary Beth Johnson
Elizabeth Sibley

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Gavin Bradley
Alyssa Burgess
Kate Lewis
Martha Miles
Chantay Poulsen
Jill Seal
Nick Young, Jr.

November 26

Bill Crump
Debbie Getch
Dustin Munchel
Debra Taylor

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Bryan Amsel
Chad Buchanan
Karen Moore
Bill Rhea
Charlene Seitz
Rachel Toon

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Adan Ahlers
Elijah Eapen
Jacob Hobson
Stuart MacIntyre
Claudia Nagy
Tommy Petrey
Jeff Powell
Jennifer Watson

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Angie Lawhon
Raicheal Waterson

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