



October 23, 2022

9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Sweeter as the Days Go By
Bigger Than Any Mountain
Soon and Very Soon
Mighty to Save

SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:1-9
NRSV

MESSAGE

“Some Aren’t Going to Get it”
Rev. Nathan Decker

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Want to Go
Joshua Wortham

Having trouble seeing the screen? Just ask an usher for a copy of today’s large print song lyrics.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
Oct. 30	<i>Choosing Transformation in a World of Conformity</i>	Romans 12 NRSVUE
Nov. 6	<i>Gaudy Hopes, Gilded Punishments, & a Golden Rule</i>	Luke 6:17, 20-31 NASB
Nov. 13		Luke 14:1, 7-14 NRSV

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FRESH START SERVICE

October 23, 2022—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Majestic

Salt and Light

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

Mighty to Save

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A Service of Worship and Praise

11:00 AM

20th Sunday
after Pentecost

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

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Chimes

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Organist

* Call to Worship¹

Leader: Once, Jesus and his disciples were in the world, doing ministry:

People: Lord, send this crowd away. It is getting late. We're all tired.

Leader: Blessed are those who have set their priority on the Kingdom.

People: But Lord, they're starting to get hungry, and we have nothing to feed them.

Leader: Nothing? Nothing?

People: Well, we do have two fish and some loaves of bread. That's nothing when you give it to this crowd!

Leader: Give me your nothing.

People: Why? What will it amount to in this world of pain and misery?

Leader: Give me your nothing.

People: Are you sure you want to get involved with the needy? You know they'll just come back for more, following the breadcrumbs.

Leader: Give me your nothing.

People: Jesus, if we give up our lunch then what will we eat in retirement?

Leader: Give me your nothing.

People: Yes, Lord. If we give God our Nothing, then Something Kingdom will happen.

* Opening Prayer²

Working, Saving, and Giving Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to go into the world proclaiming your good news, and to care for the lost, the least, and the left out. Today, we are setting aside time for promises about our work, our savings, and our giving. Whisper wisdom as we hold out our hands in hope, discern our part in your Kingdom work, and trust in you who gave all. Amen.

* Opening Hymn No. 88

Maker In Whom We Live

Anthem

I'll Sing

Chancel Choir,
Jack Price, trumpet

Reception of New Members

Why We Give
Offertory

I Want to Goo

Joshua Wortham

* Doxology

**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. 365

Grace That Is Greater Than Our Sin

Stanzas 1, 2, & 4

Scripture

Mark 4:1-9

NRSV

Sermon

Some Aren't Going to Get It

Rev. Nathan Decker

Narrative Budget Video
Pledging Our Gifts to God

* Closing Hymn

We Are Called

See insert.

* Benediction

* Choral Amen

* *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:

¹ <https://worshipswake.wordpress.com/2014/07/30/giving-god-our-nothing-call-to-worship-august-2014/>

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CALENDAR
October 23-30, 2022

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

Today: 8:15 AM Nursery until 12:00 PM
 8:30 AM Fresh Start-DFH
 9:30 AM Sun Sch Gr K-2 -Rm 204
 Sun Sch Gr 3-5-Rm 206
 Adult SS-Variou
 9:55 AM The Bridge-Sanc.
 11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc
 12:15 PM Bridge Builders-226
 3:30 PM Sunday Soles-Annex Lot
 4:00 PM MS/HS Youth-Annex
 5:30 PM Playground wt Pastor- Pt.
 of Rocks Park
 6:00 PM Buchanan Mission Trip-226
 Mon.: 9:30 AM Stephen Ministers-226
 Tues.: 10:30 AM Joy Singers-Music Suite
 1:00 PM History Com-220
 Wed.: 9:30 AM Stephen Min Training-205
 6:00 PM SPRC-226
 7:00 PM Trustees-Annex
 Chancel Choir-Music Suite
 Thurs.: 7:30 AM Men's Group-Grant's Coffee
 11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer-Parlor

1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor
 6:30 PM Disciple Life Gp-Annex
 7:00 PM Church Council
 Fri.: Office Closed
 10:30 AM Feedmore-Greenleigh
 Sat.: 10:00 AM Strum & Smile
 1:00 PM Private Recital-Sanc

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Online Giving: Scan the QR code with your smartphone to contribute online or visit www.chesterumc.org and click "Online Giving."



Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, October 30, 2022

Greeters: 8:30 Andy & Eileen Steck
 9:55 Vince D'Agostino
 11:00 Mette Shultz, Susan Petrey
Ushers: 8:30 Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer, Ron Dombrowski *Head Usher
 9:55 Gordon Jones*, Jim Watkins
 11:00 Gordon Jones*, Emory Large, Geoff LeSueur, Willie Orton, Scott Pugh
Nursery: 8:30, 9:55, 11:00 Staff Member, 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!*

TODAY is Stewardship Sunday when we declare our financial commitment to God through our church as part of our spiritual journey.

Today We Welcome into Christian Membership:

- ◆ **Sandra Cherny** by transfer from Wesley United Methodist Church in Hopewell, VA.
- ◆ **Mike Pawley** by profession of faith.
- ◆ **Dawn York** by transfer from Kingsland Baptist Church on Perrymont Road, Richmond.

CUMC Community Trunk or Treat: Monday, **October 31**, at 5:00 - 6:30PM in the gravel parking lot on School Street. Invite your friends and neighbors! *Please register in the pew pad to volunteer to decorate your car and provide treats for the children.* If you are unable to bring your decorated car, please donate treats to hand out to the children. (Put in the labeled bin in the Missions Closet.)

UMW Sponsored Turkey Pot Pie Dinner: 6:00 PM, Saturday, November 5. Come feast on Turkey Pot Pie with 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 local mission projects of the United Methodist Women. *Tickets are required (\$12 per person)* and available in the Church Office. Please make checks made payable to **Chester UMW**. POC: Susan Petrey (804.938.5396)

CarMax Tacky Light Run/Walk: Saturday, December 10, at Midlothian Mines Park. 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 team (*Chester Methodist Bells of Love*) on the second page of the online registration form. POC: Natalie Galarza (familygalarza05@gmail.com)

Mission Opportunities: Items Due Monday, November 14, for CCHASM Thanksgiving Meals and Christmas Shoeboxes for Greenleigh Children. Details inside this bulletin.

Christmas Musical Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 7:00 PM. Come sing with our Chancel Choir for Christmas! Singers of all ages and skill levels welcome! POC: Joshua Wortham

KEEP IN PRAYER: Hazel Miles (grandmother of Terri Miles Moody); Chris Daniels; family of Clayton Herring (brother of Linda Mottley); Dotty Reinmuth (friend of Debbie Hubley); families of Frank Ratcliff & Ronnie Smith (friends of Paul Maretti and Cornelia Dewitt); Dustin Munchel; Lynda Richardson; Wayne Haley; Alfred Gerard (friend of Debbie Hubley); family of Austin Lovern Lucas (friend of Julie Jones); Rachel York (wife of the grandson of Becky & John York); 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; Joe Kiser; Marty Beverly; Isaias Garcia (friend of the Becks); Betty Owen (sister-in-law of Gail King); Kitty Lipscomb; Doug and Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence October 16, 2022

Fresh Start Service	91
The Bridge Service	52
Traditions Service	133
Online/Call In	33
Total Worship Attendance.....	309

CHESTER UMC ONLINE RESOURCES

- **Website:** www.chesterumc.org.
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/ChesterUnitedMethodistChurch/>.
- **Facebook Closed Group:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChesterUMC/>.
- **Daily Email News:** Visit <http://eepurl.com/blV9Tv> to subscribe.
- **Daily Devotionals from Pastor Nathan:** <https://www.facebook.com/BetterTogether.Devos/>.
- **YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/c/ChesterUMC>.
- **Prayer Chain Email:** to subscribe or to submit a prayer request, email Terry at cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org with “Prayer Chain” or “Prayer Request” in the subject line.
- **CUMC Library Catalog:** <https://16538.rmwebopac.com> (password: CUMC). Search for titles, peruse our inventory, and much more. POC: Ron Dombrowski (rmachachi@aol.com).
- **The Chimes**, bi-monthly newsletter: Submit items to communication@chesterumc.org on 3rd Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Leading Our Worship TODAY, October 23, 2022

Greeters:	8:30	Andy & Eileen Steck	
	9:55	Stephanie Decker	
	11:00	Mary Musselwhite	
Ushers:	8:30	Dave Coker*, Ron Dombrowski, Bruce Johnson	*Head Usher
	9:55	Jim Watkins*, JR Irvin	
	11:00	Gary Williams*, Dean Hutchins, Jeff Marlin, Don Schmidt, Kay Williams	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:55, 11:00	Staff Member, Carla Adams	

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 on **TODAY or October 30.**

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:

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

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 Chad or Jennifer Brame (youthleaders@chesterumc.org).

LOOKING AHEAD

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| Oct. 23 | FINAL Playground with the Pastor, 5:30 PM, Point of Rocks Park |
| Oct. 30 | Small Group Leaders MTG 12:15 PM, lunch served |
| Oct. 31 | Trunk or Treat, 5 PM, Gravel Lot on School ST |
| Nov. 5 | Turkey Pot Pie Dinner, 6:00 PM, DFH, cost \$12/person |
| Nov. 14 | Deadline for CCHASM Thanksgiving Food Bags and Monetary Donations
Deadline for Christmas Shoeboxes for the Children in Greenleigh |
| Nov. 16 | Blood Drive, DFH, 11 AM-4 PM |
| Dec. 10 | Tacky Light Run, 6 PM, Midlothian Mines Park |
| Dec. 11 | Christmas Cantata Musical, 8:30 and 11:00 AM |
| Dec. 12 | Christmas Cantata Musical, 7:00 PM |
| Dec. 13 | Christmas Cantata Musical, 7:00 PM
Deadline for Christian Sharing Tree Gifts |

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 Hougland (ehougland88@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)

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: Mary Hayes (JLMinNaples@msn.com)

Bridge Builders (POC: Maureen Coker (mcoker2003@comcast.net))

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 (POC: Jennifer Brame (youthleaders@chesterumc.org))

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 23

SMALL GROUPS

Women's Fellowship Luncheon will meet at 1:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month at a local restaurant. *The next gathering will be on Thursday, November 17 (location TBA).* Email Joan Osborne (josbor61@gmail.com) if you would like to participate.

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

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)

Joy Singers (for our retired folks): Tuesdays, 10:30 AM in the Music Suite. POC: Joshua Wortham.

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)

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

Spanish-language Women's Bible Study: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:10-8:30 PM at the YMCA Community Center in Greenleigh. POC: Chad

"Strum and Smile" Small Group: Saturday mornings at 10:00 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, and let loose in a variety of musical madness. POC: Pastor Nathan

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

Join the Fresh Start Class in Fellowship and Service:

- “Don’t Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart: How to Relate to Those Who are Suffering” by Kenneth Haugk from Stephen Ministry Resources.

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.

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)



Call on Us: You have read about the new class of Stephen Ministers who are being trained each Wednesday morning and some Saturdays through mid-December. We are so excited about this amazing group of people who so genuinely care about those who are hurting in our church. It is a lot of work, but also a lot of fun, especially watching them role play, as they practice their new skills! Stephen Ministry is an amazing help to those who may find life overwhelming at times. Our pain is so individual, and for those who might be feeling it now, please reach out to our current team of Stephen Ministers. They are ready to bring you the one-to-one confidential, Christian ministry that can be vital to bringing wholeness back into your life. Call our Referral Coordinator, Vince D’Agostino at 804-461-8529.

Manak Community Health Organization: Thank you, Church, for the generous gifts to the for this organization. We collected more than 50 lbs. of fabric alone! Although the campaign has ended, Diane is still accepting donations of fabric, patterns, sewing supplies, costume jewelry, and books for the organization. If you are downsizing or just finding that you will no longer use any of the items mentioned above, please contact Diane Merryman (dianemerryman@gmail.com, or text 804-586-4189) to meet for an exchange. Please continue to pray for this organization and its leadership as they care for the women in Sierra Leone.

Assistant Teacher Opening in Chester UMC Preschool: Hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 AM-2:00 PM. You would be assisting the classroom teacher with carrying out lesson plans and teaching the children their ABC's, 123's and all about Jesus' love for them. To apply, contact Jen Barnes (804-748-2275 / preschool@chesterumc.org).

CCHASM THANKSGIVING MEAL GIFT PACKAGES: Chesterfield Colonial Heights Association for Social Ministry Thanksgiving Meal Packages are distributed every year to the needy in our area who have preregistered with CCHASM. A \$15 gift card for perishable items (butter, fresh vegetables, turkey) is included in every package. (CCHASM purchases these at a discount.) **Please consider donating money** for the gift cards because these are always needed. (Checks payable to CUMC; Memo: CCHASM Thanksgiving.) CCHASM assisted over 3,100 Chesterfield County families last year! *Monetary donations and meal packages are due by **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14.***

A COMPLETE MEAL GIFT PACKAGE INCLUDES

- 1 – 40 OZ. CAN of YAMS or SWEET POTATOES
- 1 – 13 OZ. BOX of MASHED POTATOES
- 1 – 14 OZ. CAN of CRANBERRY SAUCE
- 2 – 15 OZ. CANS of CORN
- 2 – 15 OZ. CANS of GREEN VEGETABLES
- 2 – BOXES of “Stove Top”® Stuffing Mix
- 2 – CANS or PACKAGES of GRAVY (*no glass jars*)
- 1 – BOX of HOT CHOCOLATE MIX
- 1 – BOX of TEA BAGS
- 1 – Larger BOX or BAG of COOKIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

- ✓ CCHASM cannot give out expired food.
- ✓ All items must be in their original, unopened, saleable package.
- ✓ If possible, place in doubled paper bags with handles or canvas grocery bags.

Christmas Shoeboxes for Greenleigh Children: Due Monday, November 14, in the Atrium, Missions Closet, or the Sharing bin. To participate in this merry ministry, choose the gender(s) to shop for, select the age range(s) [2-3 yrs., 4-6 yrs. 7-9 yrs., 10-12 yrs.], and purchase items that will fit inside a shoe box. Please wrap the shoebox (but do not seal it) and label it with the gender and age group. **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.**) POC: Jan Bryant (804-241-3583)

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). **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).

VISION STORIES

Passionate Worship

Remember how we were just two half-way filled worship services in 2021? Our goal for 2022 was getting our attendance at or above 300 people praising God and celebrating grace, and we did just that! Not only that but we brought back the Bridge Worship Service and dramatically improved our online worship service with two cameras in the Sanctuary. Music that makes our spirits soar with the Holy Spirit; prayers that remind us that God hears and loves us; sermons that call us to the higher purposes of love and salvation; encounters with the Risen Christ in Communion – this is passionate worship at Chester UMC.

Spirit-led Discipleship

Service. Study. Social. These are the focus words for our small group ministry where we grow disciples through laughter, food, fun, scriptures, prayers, and so much more. From paint nights to "strum and smile" Saturdays, Chester UMC has created small groups for all ages and people to belong.

Embracing Diversity

Next time you are attending worship, small group, or another event at Chester UMC, look around. We've made great strides in looking more like Heaven! In the pews are voices not only with Virginia accents, but those from around the globe. The Sunday we introduced "You are Safe with Me" pins, there were men and women beaming with smiles and with tears running down their cheeks because they never imagined being welcomed, included, and affirmed as a child of God. Soccer & prayer with kids & youth, Spanish language women's Bible study, and food distribution in Greenleigh – these are ways Chester UMC is caring for and making Latino disciples. Gracias a Dios!

Loving Children and Families

"All of my kids can't wait to do this next year!" This is a commonly heard theme around our ministries with kids at Chester UMC. Whether it's playing at the park, making a communion banner, or singing songs at VBS: we know how to share Jesus' love with the little children. We have VBS volunteers who share the gospel with little disciples, Trunk or Treat that introduces community kids to our church, and the assurance of being loved and safe in our nursery. We've also rebooted our acolyte ministry in worship at our Fresh Start service. Sunday School has gone from one class to two classes! God continues to bless our church with new faces, many of whom have little hands of their own.

Positively Impacting Our Community

We Build Community. We partnered with Schools, Greenleigh, Local Law Enforcement, Fire Stations 1 and 14, the Chamber of Commerce, the YMCA; and our agenda is always the same: we build community. From playing at the park to picking up trash around Ecoff to writing notes and cards to veterans, we make the world a little brighter and a little less cold by sharing the love we have received. We build community.

We Are Called



1. Come! Live in the light! _____ Shine with the
 2. Come! O - pen your heart! _____ Show your
 3. Sing! Sing a new song! _____ Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called _____ to be
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called _____ to be
 great day when all will be one! God will reign, _____ and we'll



light for the king-dom, to live in the free-dom of the
 hope for the hope-less, so all ha-tred and blind-ness will
 walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and broth-ers u -

Refrain



cit-y of God! _____
 be no more! _____ We are called to act with
 nit-ed in love! _____



jus-tice, _____ we are called to love ten-der - ly, _____



— we are called to serve one an - oth-er, _____ to



walk hum-bly with God! _____

WORDS: David Haas (Mic. 6:8)
 MUSIC: David Haas

WE ARE CALLED
 Irregular with Refrain