



February 12, 2023  
9:55 AM

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms  
Goodbye, World, Goodbye  
Blessed Be the Name  
I Refuse

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Where I Find God  
*Luke Carson*

**MESSAGE**

*“What’s So Amazing about Sanctifying Grace?”*  
Rev. Nathan Decker

**SCRIPTURE**

Isaiah 51:1-6  
*The Voice*

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

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**DATE**

Feb. 19  
Feb. 26

**SERMON TITLE**

Let’s Go Meet God!  
The Faith to Foster

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 17:1-9, NRSV

\* *Indicates that we will celebrate Holy Communion*

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*A Community in Christ*

## **Chester United Methodist Church**

*Rooted in God, Growing in Christ, Bearing Fruit in the Spirit*

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### **FRESH START SERVICE**

February 12, 2023—8:30 AM



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

#### **WORSHIP MUSIC**

This Is Amazing Grace  
Open Up the Heavens  
Potter's Hand  
I Refuse

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February 12, 2023

A Service of Worship and Praise

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday

11:00 AM

after Epiphany

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

Welcome, Announcements, Scout Recognition, and Greeting

Chimes

Prelude

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

Organist

\* Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>

Leader: Listen to me, all you who are serious about right living and committed to loving and to seeking God.

**People: We want to live right, to love, and to come closer to God.**

Leader: Ponder the rock from which you were cut, the quarry from which you were dug, those who taught you the good news of God.

**People: On this day, we do remember our families, both those from whom we come and those with whom we have worshiped.**

Leader: I God, will comfort you and many others. I'll transform the dead ground into Eden, the moonscape into the garden of God.

**People: And we will worship you with thanksgiving and songs of praise.**

Leader: Take my instruction, go straight out into all the world with it, and my justice will illuminate all people.

**People: We will do so, with your help. Amen!**

\* Unison Prayer<sup>2</sup>

**God of the Beginning and the End, you have made us and called us to be yours. Yet we do not understand what it means to be one of your endless generations. Fill our minds and hearts, O Eternal God, so that we may grow and know your will. Be with us as we follow the footsteps of our forebearers, and continue the work started before us while we know it will continue long past our time on this Earth. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Alpha and Omega. Amen.**

\* Opening Hymn No. 88

*Maker in Whom We Live*

\* Affirmation of Faith No. 881

*The Apostle's Creed*

\* Gloria Patri No. 70

**Glory be to the father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Special Music *Where I Find God* Luke Carson

Why We Give  
Offertory *Grace* Chancel Choir

\* Doxology No. 94

**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. 399 *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

Children's Message

Scripture *Isaiah 51:1-6* *The Voice*

Sermon *What's So Amazing about Sanctifying Grace?* Rev. Nathan Decker

\* Closing Hymn No. 581 *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* stanzas 1, 3, & 4

\* Benediction

\* Choral Amen

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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> Adapted from <https://cpcmc.org/discipleship/worship-resources/memorial-day/>

**CALENDAR**  
**February 12-19, 2023**

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  
           Online Service  
 11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc  
           Online Service  
 12:15 PM Bridge Builders-116  
           Super Bowl Soup Lunch  
 2:30 PM NO YOUTH  
 5:30 PM UMVIM Mission Trip  
           Organization MTG-226  
 6:30 PM Beth Moore Study-DFH

Mon.:

Tues.: 10:30 AM Joy Singers  
 11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer-Parlor  
 3:00 PM Rest Stop-Annex  
 5:30 PM Woodmen-DFH

Wed.: 6:00 PM People 1<sup>st</sup>-116  
 6:30 PM GS Service Unit-DFH  
 7:00 PM Finance-226  
           Chancel Choir-Sanc

Thurs.: 1:00 PM Ladies' Lunch Out-Brock's

1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor  
 6:30 PM Disciple Life-Annex

Fri.:

Sat.: 10:00 AM Strum & Smile

**Next Sunday: February 19, 2023**

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 11:00 AM Traditions Service-Sanc  
           Online Service  
 12:00 PM Confirmation #3-Loft  
 12:15 PM Fiber Friends-205  
 12:30 PM TDHS Key Club BD-116  
 2:30 PM MS/HS YOUTH-Loft  
 5:00 PM Browder Lent Study-  
 6:30 PM Beth Moore Study-DFH

**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, February 19, 2023**

**Greeters:** 8:30 Bill & Karen Comer  
 9:55 Stephanie Decker  
 11:00 Mary Musselwhite, Linda Large

**Ushers:** 8:30 Gordon Jones\*, Ron Dombrowski \*Head Usher  
 9:55 Jim Watkins\*, JR Irvin  
 11:00 Gary Williams\*, Willie Orton, Tommy Petrey, Scott Pugh, Kay Williams

**Nursery:** 8:30, 9:55, 11:00 Staff Members, Carla Adams, Jessica Hargaves

*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** will not be in Office 111 on Sunday mornings until mid-March.

**SUPER BOWL SOUP LUNCHEON:** TODAY at noon. Join us for good food and fellowship. Proceeds will go to the United Methodist Women's pledge to mission. The menu includes several heartwarming soups, fresh bread and corn muffins, desserts, and beverages. The cost at the door is \$6 per person or \$10 to take home a quart. POC: Susan Petrey, 938-5396.

**Fiber Friends:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 12:15-1:45 PM in **Room 205**. Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting, sewing, quilting, rug hooking, or any type of Fiber Art? Bring your home project with you to work on as we chat and snack together. All are welcome! Bring a bag lunch. Coffee and water will be provided. POC: Beth Powner ([knit9grammy@gmail.com](mailto:knit9grammy@gmail.com) or 804.586.0735).

**BIGGEST Choir Ever!** Join us this Easter Season as we form the BIGGEST choir ever in the 150-year history of Chester UMC! Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. Singers of all skill levels are welcome, and we have rehearsal tracks to aid in learning the music. We'll present "A Journey to Hope" which tells the passion of Christ using spirituals, on Sunday, April 16, and Tuesday, April 18. POC: Joshua Wortham (Minister of Music)

**Women's Fellowship Luncheon:** Thursday, February 6, 1:00 PM. All ladies of the church are invited to come to this month's fellowship luncheon at Brock's Bar-B-Que in Chester (11310 Iron Bridge Road). Please be sure to RSVP to Joan Osborne (540-270-4251 / [josbor61@gmail.com](mailto:josbor61@gmail.com)) on or before Monday, February 13, if you plan to attend so that she can ensure there are seats for everyone.

**Family Game Night:** Saturday, February 18, 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Join us (and bring a friend) for fun games, pizza, and fellowship! Please bring a game and a dessert to share. POC: Charlotte Brummette ([CHARL208@yahoo.com](mailto:CHARL208@yahoo.com) / 804-833-1174)

**Altar Flowers for the Sanctuary:** To donate Altar flowers, please sign up on the flower chart outside the Church Office and complete an Altar Flower Form. Also, 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.



**1891 Chester Methodist Episcopal Church South**

# the faith to foster

Special Worship Service February 26

## Be a part of Chester UMC's **BIGGEST** CHOIR EVER!

Sing with us this Easter season as we  
celebrate the risen Savior, and our church's  
150 years of ministry in this community!



### WORKSHOP

Saturday, Feb. 11 @ 9:30 AM

### REHEARSALS

Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM

### PERFORMANCES

Sunday, April 16 @ 8:30 and 11 AM

Tuesday, April 18 @ 7:00 PM



**KEEP IN PRAYER:** family of Grace Verghese; Peggy Meehan (friend of Lisa Stanfield); family of Charlene “Sue” Hougland (mother of Eric Hougland); Beth Diane Mannetta; Beth Powner; family of Betty Davis (wife of former pastor Ott Davis (deceased)); Rebecca Kirkman Gorchellr (friend of Paul Marretti); Dee Watkins; Jean Wallace; Jeanne Shelburne; Dorothy Nugent; Davis (the brother of Bob & Jonnie Davis’ daughter-in-law); family of Hazel Miller (mother of Sherri Snelson); family of Debi Sheffield (sister of Sherri Snelson); family of Paul Duffy; Bert Watson [Terri] & Chase Watson (son & grandson of Ruby Bishop); Rachel York (granddaughter-in-law of John & Becky York); Lynda Richardson; Jo Kiser; Kitty Lipscomb; Doug and Clara Gestwick.

**Our Presence February 5, 2023**

8:30 Fresh Start Service ..... 116  
 9:55 The Bridge Service..... 78  
 11:00 Traditions Service ..... 123  
 Online..... 45  
**Total Worship Attendance..... 362**

**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, Sunday, February 12, 2023**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b> Laura Hougland	
	<b>9:55</b> Ed & Marian Garrett	
	<b>11:00</b> Marian Perkinson, Janis Hargrave	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b> Wendell Landis*, Dustin Munchel, Cub Scouts	*Head Usher
	<b>9:55</b> Jim Watkins*, Diane Medina	
	<b>11:00</b> Gordon Jones*, Dean Hutchins, Boy Scouts	
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>8:30, 9:55, 11:00</b> Staff Members, Carla Adams, Jessica Hargraves	

## **1891 Chester Methodist Episcopal Church South**

Under the ministry of the Rev. J. W. Stiff (1888-91) there was an unusual growth. Brother Stiff recorded on September 19, 1891: "We have in process of erection at Chester a very handsome church which we hope to occupy during the winter and have ready for dedication by the spring or early summer." The new church was valued at \$3,300. It was built on the site of the old church between Winfree Street and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

The Church was located in a large, wooded area on Winfree Street with ample room to park horses and buggies. Members would remove the bridle from their horse, attach a feed bag to his head or place hay on the ground for feeding. There were preaching services once a month. The rest of the time the services were conducted by Laymen of the Church.

There was a front entrance, double doors in the tower with a steeple and belfry, and inside were four walls with beautiful stained-glass windows. The stained-glass windows were made of smaller geometrically cut designs in pure colors of red, blue, green, yellow and purple. The center aisle of seats in the Church were most sought after in the winter as the sanctuary was heated by two floor registers--one in each aisle. Sunday school classes met behind the pulpit next to Winfree Street in the choir area and the primary children met in the vestibule. Later the center portion of the sanctuary was divided by curtains. The Men's Bible Class erected a tent in a grove of trees to the left and had a private classroom. In the winter they built a makeshift shelter and added a stove for warmth.

*Watercolor painting of 1891 Chester Methodist Episcopal Church South on Winfree Street by Landon LaFon ("Hap") Perdue.*

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**Chester UMC Celebrates 150 Years:** A book, written by Mary Musselwhite, entitled *A Community in Christ, Chester United Methodist Church, **Our History including Pastors, Sanctuaries, Missions, Choirs, and Fellowship 1873 - 2023***, is available for pre-order. Cost is \$30 plus an additional \$15 if shipping is required. The book is 314 pages and includes scanned documents, direct quotes from members past and present, and many, scanned color photographs. POC: Mary Musselwhite (804-330-0014 /[softL1@gmail.com](mailto:softL1@gmail.com))

**TO RESERVE YOUR COPY**, register in the pew pad; submit your \$30 check/cash payable to CUMC (MEMO:HISTORY); and drop your payment in the offering plate or mail/deliver it to CUMC(12132 Percival Street, Chester, VA 23831). We plan to order more books per demand.

## **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; grades 3-5 in Room 206. POC: Chad Beck

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

9:45 AM, Room 205; POC: Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396

### **Journey Sunday School Class**

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 Houglan ([ehouglan88@gmail.com](mailto:ehouglan88@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))

### **Adult Small Group Bible Study**

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** (POC: Maureen Coker ([mcoker2003@comcast.net](mailto:mcoker2003@comcast.net)))

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, 12:15–1:30 PM, in Room 226

Feb. 12, Mar. 12, Apr 16 (due to Easter), and May 14.

### **Middle & High School Youth Meetings** (POC: Jennifer Brame ([youthleaders@chesterumc.org](mailto:youthleaders@chesterumc.org)))

Scheduled Sundays, 4:00 PM, at the Annex Loft; 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to join in study, missions, and fun!

### **Beth Moore Study** (POCs: Darlene Emerson, [agentches@aol.com](mailto:agentches@aol.com))

Sundays, Feb. 5 to Mar. 12, 6:30 -8:30 PM in Room 226

### **Fiber Friends** (POC: Beth Powner, [knit9grammy@gmail.com](mailto:knit9grammy@gmail.com). / (804) 586-0735)

Monthly 4th Sunday in Room 221, 12:15 PM, bring a bag lunch.

**Ladies of Faith:** Our fellowship has just wrapped up its successful 2022 Whaley Pecan sales. We, along with some very enthusiastic buyers, sold over 600 pounds of pecans. As we have said in the past, our rather small profits are donated to our church. Since the last report, we donated \$1,000 to jumpstart the campaign to upgrade our Church's sound/video system and, in April, gave \$500 to the History Committee for the 150th Anniversary Celebration. Now, another urgent need has arisen i.e. replacement of our Sanctuary's HVAC system, and we donated \$1,000 toward that much-needed project. We look forward to seeing you perhaps in the fall when we launch our next Whaley Pecan sale. Sincerely, Betty Labin / Lorraine Young

**Plant/Seed Swap:** Do you have more okra or pea seeds than you know what to do with? Did your aloe recently sprout a bunch of babies? Bring your extras to church on Sunday, March 5, after the 11:00 AM service in the fellowship hall. Let's meet other green thumbs and want-to-be green thumbs, swap seeds, share plants, and maybe talk a little dirt. POC: Katey McCarney (804-402-0084)



***Family Game Night***

**WHERE: DAVIS FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18.**

**TIME: 6:00PM**

**JOIN US FOR FUN GAMES, PIZZA,  
AND FELLOWSHIP!**

**ALL ARE WELCOME! INVITE A FRIEND!**

**BRING A GAME AND DESSERT TO SHARE!**  
P.O.C. CHARLOTTE BRUMMETTE  
EMAIL: CHARL208@YAHOO.COM  
OR TEXT/CALL 804-833-1174

**UMVIM Mission Trip to Southwest Virginia: March 12 – 18, 2023** to help those who were devastated by flooding last year. We hope that you will prayerfully consider joining the team. For those who went to Grundy, VA in fall 2022, we found it inspirational and uplifting to work with such wonderful people and to be welcomed so generously. We can use volunteers of all skill levels in carpentry, masonry, sheet rocking, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, cooking, health care, journaling, photography, cleaning, and those willing to learn. Our hope is to take a team of between 6 and 12. Applications and fees will be accepted for our congregation through January 31. Then, if there are still vacancies for the team, we will offer this opportunity to our community and beyond. **We will have an informational meeting TODAY, February 12, at 5:30 PM in Room 226.** Please join us for the meeting even if you aren't sure that you will be able to participate. Contact Lynn Crump with any questions (804-513-0260 / [lynncrumppla@gmail.com](mailto:lynncrumppla@gmail.com)). Thank you for your prayers and support for this special mission.

**Men's Grill-n-Gaga:** Sunday, March 12, 4:00 PM. All men are invited to join us on the Annex lawn for a time of grilling meats and veggies, playing Gaga, and enjoying fellowship. Our hope is to have a weekly game and grow together spiritually, or as Scott Pugh invites, "Come out and show 'em you're not a wimp!" To join the game, register in the pew pad or contact Scott Pugh ([noah3721@aol.com](mailto:noah3721@aol.com)) or Gary Williams ([garykaywilliams@gmail.com](mailto:garykaywilliams@gmail.com)).

**Afternoon Tea Returns - Table Hostesses Needed!** This beloved event, hosted by the Chancel Choir, returns on Saturday, April 29, at 2:00 PM. We need YOU to host and decorate a table. If you are willing or interested in more info, contact Jill Seal ([jilldean67@gmail.com](mailto:jilldean67@gmail.com); 804-980-1323). Tickets are \$25 and proceeds will support our music ministry. Watch for more info soon!

**Vacation Bible School 2023:** Monday, June 19, through Friday, June 23; 9:00 AM-12:30 PM. Save those dates! This year's them is STAR WARS. If you are interested in helping, please sign up in Atrium or email Andy and Eileen Steck ([andyei10twitchell@gmail.com](mailto:andyei10twitchell@gmail.com)).

**Fresh Expressions** are ways of joining unchurched people where they are already gathering and then making disciples. We can be creative or fun, or simply use our interests, passions, or gifts as we share the good news of Jesus. Would you like to try some Fresh Expressions, or are you curious and want more information? POC: Pastor Chad

## SMALL GROUPS

**Women's Bible Study:** February 5 - March 12 (six weeks) from 6:30 – 8:00 PM in the fellowship hall.; Beth Moore study called, “Now That Faith Has Come,” a study from Galatians. POC: Darlene Emerson ([agentches@aol.com](mailto:agentches@aol.com)).

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

**Village People Study, Socialize, & Service Group Schedule** meets on Mondays at 2:00 PM, Community Room at Chester Village Senior APTS (11701 Chester Village DR).

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

**Contemplative Prayer Group:** TUESDAYS, 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))

**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))

**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, February 16 (place TBD).* Joan Osborne ([josbor61@gmail.com](mailto:josbor61@gmail.com)) if you would like to participate.

**Prayer Shawl Group:** Thursdays, 1:30 PM, in the Church Parlor or you can work on your project at home. All are invited to join us! We can provide yarn and will happily teach you how to knit or crochet if you don't already know. POCs: Beverly Trevillian (804-337-2367) & June Gilliam (804-748-6668)

**Women's Christian Book Club:** *Next meeting – Thursday, March 2.* 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:jrbrooksiee@gmail.com))

**Estudio Bíblico de Mujeres:** el segundo y cuarto miércoles de cada mes, a las 7:00 a 8:30 PM en el edificio Annex de la iglesia. Para más información habla con el Pastor 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

# STUDIES FOR LENT

**Join Dr. Mike Browder's Lenten Study:** Sundays, February 19 - April 9, 5:00-6:00 PM to look closely at the life of Jesus during the season of Lent. Using Dr. Browder's self-guided book, *The Life of Jesus for Lent* (\$10 on Amazon), you will read scripture daily beginning with the preface of the Gospels and ending with Christ's ascension into heaven. As you complete each book chapter, Dr. Browder will email you with further meditations. Weekly study time together will foster discussion and further exploration. Dr Browder is an accomplished scholar, author, historian, and a United Methodist pastor of more than forty years. Register in the pew pad for the *The Life of Jesus for Lent* study group or contact Terry ([cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org](mailto:cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org); 804-748-6006.)

**Seekers Sunday School Class:** Sundays, February 26 – April 2, 9:40 AM, Room 226. In the study, *What the Bible Says about the Cross*, Magrey deVega faithfully describes the need for reconciliation between humankind and a holy God through Jesus' death on the cross. Come learn what Jesus' Crucifixion and resurrection do for you.

**NEW Women's Bible Study:** February 5 - March 12 (six weeks) from 6:30 – 8:00 PM in the fellowship hall. We will be using the new Beth Moore study called, "Now That Faith Has Come," a study from Galatians (cost \$16). POC: Darlene Emerson ([agentches@aol.com](mailto:agentches@aol.com)).

**LENTON SERMON SERIES** begins March 5, *Crash Course Christianity, Your plain English guide to the essentials of faith.*

## **LENTON / EASTER SERVICES:**

- **Ash Wednesday Services:** Wednesday, February 22
  - + Traditional, 12 noon, Wednesday, in Sanctuary.
  - + Contemporary, 6:30 PM, fellowship hall. Pancake supper followed by the service.
- **Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Service:** Thursday, April 6, 6:30 PM  
This combined service will be a dramatic retelling of the Last Supper and the events which culminated in our Lord's Crucifixion. We will begin in the Fellowship Hall with communion given by the "12 disciples" then move to the Sanctuary for the dramatization of the events leading up to the cross. The entire service will last approximately 1 ½ hours.
- **Easter Services:** Sunday, April 9
  - + Sunrise Service, TIME TBA, Annex lawn  
Pancake breakfast in fellowship hall following the service.
  - + Fresh Start Contemporary Service (8:30 AM) in Sanctuary
  - + The Bridge Southern Gospel Service (10:50 AM) in Sanctuary
  - + Traditions Traditional Service (11:00 AM) in Sanctuary

**Join the Fresh Start Sunday School Class in Study & Fellowship:** 9:45 AM, Room 205

- **Continuing through February 26--God is Love: Rediscovering Grace in an Ungracious World** by Philip Mulholland.
- **Beginning March 5**—In *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*, pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton explores the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke. Through Luke's stories we find Jesus' care and compassion for all as he welcomes sinners and outcasts. As we study Luke and see Jesus' concern for those who were considered unimportant, we hear a hopeful and inspiring word for our lives today.

**Seekers Sunday School Class:** 9:40 AM, Room 226. Come join us for a month of classes and special leaders for the month of February!

- Feb. 5 Vann Stanfield will lead a study on Hebrews 13 (Living an Honorable Life)
- Feb. 12 Ed Garrett will lead a study on angels. Materials will be provided.
- Feb. 19 Diane Merryman will lead a study on Healing Oils. Based on the book, *Healing Oils of the Bible*, by David Steward, Ph.D, you will learn about the many plants and essential oils God designed for physical and emotional healing and how to use to use them in your own life.
- Feb. 26 Special 6-week study for Lent, *Savior: What the Bible Says about the Cross*, by Magrey R. deVega. Come learn what Jesus' Crucifixion and resurrection do for you.

**Journey Sunday School Class:** 9:45 AM at the Annex

- Join us online at <https://meet.google.com/ptm-pieh-vve>
- Studying, "What We Need Is Here" by Roger Owens who shows us that in Jesus, God has already given us all we need to live and flourish.

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