



February 19, 2023
9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Sweeter as the Days Go By
I'm Gonna Leave Here Shoutin'
Where Could I Go?

SPECIAL MUSIC

Just a Closer Walk With Thee
Meadowlark
Shannon Gibson Brown

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 17:1-9
NRSV

MESSAGE

"Let's Go Meet God!"
Rev. Nathan Decker

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>
Feb. 26	The Faith to Foster	
Mar. 6	A Sacrifice God Didn't Ask You to Make*	Leviticus 9:7, 22-24, 10:1-3

* *Indicates that we will celebrate Holy Communion*

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FRESH START SERVICE

February 19, 2023—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Majestic
Open Up the Heavens
Good, Good, Father
In the Secret

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February 19, 2023

A Service of Worship and Praise

Transfiguration

11:00 AM

Sunday

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

Welcome, Announcements, Scout Recognition, and Greeting

Chimes

Prelude

Fly Away Medley

Chancel Choir

* Call to Worship¹

Leader: Lord, you have called us to the mountaintop.

People: Help us to look forward to where you would have us go.

Leader: Help us to listen carefully to the words of your healing love.

People: Open our hearts and spirits to receive your glorious directions.

Leader: Place your trust in the Lord in all your ways.

People: Lord, we have come here to give our lives to you. AMEN.

* Unison Prayer²

Holy God, upon the mountain you revealed our Messiah, who by his death and resurrection would fulfill both the law and the prophets. By his transformation, enlighten our path that we may dare to suffer with him in the service of humanity and so share in the everlasting glory of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever. Amen.

* Opening Hymn No. 103 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

* Wedding Vow Renewals

Special Music

Meadowlark

Shannon Gibson Brown

Why We Give

Offertory

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

Shannon Gibson Brown

* 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. 496

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Children's Message

Scripture

Matthew 17:1-9

NRSV

Sermon

Let's God Meet God!

Rev. Nathan Decker

* Closing Hymn No. 454

Open My Eyes, That I May See

* 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://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/3554/worship-connection-february-27-2022>

² United Methodist Hymnal #259

CALENDAR
February 19-26, 2023

Today	8:15 AM	Nursery until 12:00 PM	6:30 PM	Disciple Life-Annex
	8:30 AM	Fresh Start-DFH	7:00 PM	ESL Class-226
	9:30 AM	Sun Sch Gr K-2 -Rm 204	Fri.:	
		Sun Sch Gr 3-5-Rm 206	Sat.:	9:00 AM
		Adult SS-Various		Good Trouble Conf- Belmont UMC
	9:55 AM	The Bridge-Sanc	10:00 AM	Strum & Smile
		Online Service		
	11:00 AM	Traditions Service-Sanc	Next Sunday: February 26, 2023	
		Online Service	8:15 AM	Nursery until 12:00 PM
	12:00 PM	Confirmation #3-Loft	8:30 AM	Fresh Start-DFH
	12:30 PM	TDHS Key Club BD-116	9:30 AM	Sun Sch Gr K-2 -Rm 204
	2:30 PM	MS/HS YOUTH-Loft		Sun Sch Gr 3-5-Rm 206
	5:00 PM	Browder Lent Study-205		Adult SS-Various
	6:30 PM	Beth Moore Study-DFH	9:55 AM	The Bridge-Sanc
Mon.:	7:00 PM	Preschool BD-116		Online Service
Tues.:	10:00 AM	Joy Singers-to Reveille	11:00 AM	Traditions Service-Sanc
	11:00 AM	Contemplative Prayer-Parlor		Online Service
	3:00 PM	Rest Stop-Annex	12:15 PM	Fiber Friends-205
Wed.:	12:00 PM	Ash Wed Serv-Sanc	2:00 PM	VBS Team MTG-Annex
	6:30 PM	Pancake Supper-DFH	2:30 PM	NO MS/HS YOUTH
	7:00 PM	Ash Wed Serv-DFH	5:00 PM	Browder Lent Study-205
	7:00 PM	NO SPRC-moved to Mar 1	5:30 PM	UMVIM Organizational
		Chancel Choir-Sanc		MTG-205
Thurs.:	1:30 PM	Prayer Shawl-Parlor	6:30 PM	Beth Moore Study-DFH

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



Vacation Bible School 2023: Monday, June 19, through Friday, June 23; 9:00 AM-12:30 PM.

<u>Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, February 26, 2023</u>	
Greeters:	8:30 Any & Eileen Steck 9:55 Donna Nunery 11:00 Hunter Beazley & Martha Miles
Ushers:	8:30 Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer *Head Usher 9:55 Linda D'Agostino*, Jim Watkins 11:00 Gordon Jones*, Larry Koon, Bob Kutz, Emory Large, Don Schmidt
Nursery:	8:30, 9:55, 11:00 Staff Members, Carla Adams, Jessica Hargraves

*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.

Feb. 8 Blood Drive Update: We collected 22 donations which can help save up to 65 lives!

Fiber Friends: Next Sunday, February 26 (4th 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 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)

Plant/Seed Swap: Sunday, March 5, 12:15 PM in the fellowship hall. 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 and 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)

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) or Gary Williams (garykaywilliams@gmail.com).

Altar Flowers for the Sanctuary: To donate Altar flowers, *please sign up in the pew pad* or on the flower chart outside the Church Office and complete an Altar Flower Form. (Dates are available beginning April 16. Some dates are excluded for special services.) 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.



Chester United Methodist Church, Chester, Va. 1927

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 12, 2023

8:30 Fresh Start Service 97
 9:55 The Bridge Service..... 48
 11:00 Traditions Service 127
 Online..... 44
Total Worship Attendance..... 315

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, 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 Hargraves	

1927 Chester Methodist Church

The lots for the 1927 church were purchased in 1925. An existing building on Percival Street (once a school) was purchased next to the adjoining lots and converted into a parsonage. Landon L. ("Hap") Perdue helped draw the plans with architect Julian Fox for the sanctuary, Sunday school rooms, and basement fellowship hall. Construction began in 1927.. The cost to build the church was \$27,000. Upon completion of the new 1927 Sanctuary, the building was occupied, and the Rev. J. W. Stiff preached the first sermon February 12, 1928, at which time he donated the pulpit Bible and hymnal. The Williams Aid Society refinished the old pews and equipped the Sunday School department. A new Estey pipe organ was installed as a gift from Walter N. Perdue (in memory of his brother, Sam) and the Williams Aid Society. The stained-glass windows were given in honor/memory of loved ones. The bell from the 1891 church on Percival Street was placed on the roof of the Sunday school wing.

In 1939-40, the Methodist denominations merged and became known as The Methodist Church. In 1949, Chester Methodist Church was made a single station with an assigned pastor that preached each Sunday. In 1968, the Methodists and the Evangelical United Brethren united under the title The United Methodist Church.

Watercolor painting of 1927 Chester Methodist Church by Pamela A. Earley, 2018.

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)

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); 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)

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

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; 6th -12th grades are invited to join in study, missions, and fun!

Beth Moore Study (POCs: Darlene Emerson, 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. / (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 want to thank you for your support in our efforts to help our church, albeit in a small way. We look forward to seeing you perhaps in the fall when we launch our next Whaley Pecan Sale. Sincerely, Betty Labin / Lorraine Young

Your plain-English guide to the essentials of faith

CRASH COURSE
Christianity

Lenten Series
beginning in
March

Sundays at Chester UMC

Ladies' Afternoon Tea Returns: Saturday, April 29, 2:00-4:00 PM. This beloved event, a step back into yesterday, is hosted by the Chancel Choir. We need YOU to host and decorate a table. *If you are willing or interested in more info, please register in the pew pad or contact Jill Seal (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 theme is STAR WARS. If you are interested in helping, please sign up in Atrium or email Andy and Eileen Steck (andyei10twitchell@gmail.com).

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. POC: Lynn Crump with any questions (804-513-0260 / lynncrumppla@gmail.com). Thank you for your prayers and support for this special mission.

UMCOR KITS for CONFERENCE: The United Methodist Committee on Relief operates two relief depots, one in Salt Lake City and the Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana. For the past several years, CUMC and the UMW have collected materials for and assembled hygiene kits to send to Sager Brown to have on hand when disaster strikes. Due to tornadoes and flooding in the Southeast and war in Eastern Europe, **there is an urgent need to restock their inventory of hygiene kits. Therefore, our goal for this year's June 15-17 Virginia United Methodist Annual Conference in Roanoke is 100 hygiene kits. *The entire congregation is invited*** to support this effort by donating items to be packed into kits. Pick up your "assignment ticket" from the display in the Atrium 1 and return the assigned items to the collection box in the Missions Closet by 12 noon on Sunday, April 1. POC: Susan Petrey, 938-5396

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).

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 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)

Thursday Morning Men's Group: Thursdays, 7:30 AM at Grants Coffee Co. (11884 Chester Village DR). POC: Vann Stanfield (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, March 16 (place TBD).* Joan Osborne (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.* 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)

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, Room 205. We will 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, available in office or 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)

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).

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 (9:50 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. 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.

POCs: Eric Hougland (ehougland88@gmail.com), Carolyn Landis (landisfamily05@gmail.com)