



March 5, 2023

9:55 AM

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

Are You Washed in the Blood?  
Bigger Than Any Mountain  
Amazing Grace/Peaceful, Easy Feeling  
Glory to His Name

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

What A Day That Will Be  
*Dan Hayes*

**MESSAGE**

A Sacrifice God Didn't Ask You to Make  
*Pastor Chad Beck*

**SCRIPTURE**

Leviticus 9:7, 22-24; 10:1-3

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

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**DATE**

**SERMON TITLE**

**SCRIPTURE**

Mar. 12

Crash Course Christianity: Reading the Bible

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Mar. 19

Crash Course Christianity: Serving Others

James 2:14-26

Mar. 26

Crash Course Christianity: Prayer

John 17

Apr. 2\*

Crash Course Christianity: Sharing Faith

Matthew 21:1-11 *NRSV*

\* *Indicates that we will celebrate Holy Communion*

**STAFF DIRECTORY**

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### **FRESH START SERVICE**

March 5, 2023—8:30 AM



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

#### **WORSHIP MUSIC**

Romans 12:1

Glory to God Forever

We Believe

The Only Name

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

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March 5, 2023

A Service of Worship and Praise  
11:00 AM

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
in Lent

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

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Chimes

Prelude

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Organist

\* Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, we gather today as those who know the Word.

**People: Come, Holy Spirit, and make us understand the Word.**

Leader: We gather today as those who Testify to the Word.

**People: Come, Holy Spirit, and make us live the Word.**

Leader: We gather today ready for whatever you have set before us.

**People: Come, Holy Spirit, and make us new creations in you. Amen.**

\* Unison Prayer

**God of creation and birth, of re-creation and rebirth, thank You for the gift of Your holy Church. We praise You for the manner in which we were created. You made us with the gift of free will, with the ability to grow and to learn and to change. Even though we have fallen short of Your commands, You have still incorporated us into Your mighty acts of salvation through the life of our Lord, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

\* Opening Hymn No. 369

*Blessed Assurance*

Special Music

*What A Day that Will Be*

Dan Hayes

Why We Give

Offertory

*God So Loved the World*

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. 420

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Children's Message

Scripture

*John 3:1-21*

NRSV

Sermon

*Born of the Spirit*

Izaak Spiers  
Ministry Intern

Holy Communion

\* Closing Hymn No. 159

*Lift High the Cross*

\* 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.

**Leading Our Worship TODAY, March 5, 2023**

**Greeters:** **8:30** Bill & Karen Comer

**9:55** Donna Nunery

**11:00** TBA

**Ushers:** **8:30** Gordon Jones\*, Ron Dombrowski

\*Head Usher

**9:55** Linda D'Agostino\*, JR Irvin

**11:00** Beth Stewart\*, Dean Hutchins, Bob Kutz, Geoff LeSueur, Vann Stanfield

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

**CALENDAR**  
*March 5-March 12, 2023*

Today	8:15 AM	Nursery until 12:00 PM	Thurs.:	10:30 AM	Bookman F'ship-226
	8:30 AM	Fresh Start-DFH		6:30 PM	Disciple Life-Annex
	9:30 AM	Sun Sch Gr K-2 -Rm 204	Fri.:	6-11 PM	Derby Set Up-DFH
		Sun Sch Gr 3-5-Rm 206	Sat.:	7:00 AM	Cub Scout Pinewood
		Adult SS-Various			Derby-DFH
	9:55 AM	The Bridge-Sanc		10:00 AM	Strum & Smile-Music Sui.
		Online Service			
	11:00 AM	Traditions Service-Sanc	<b>Next Sunday: March 12, 2023</b>		
		Online Service		8:15 AM	Nursery until 12:00 PM
	12:00 PM	Confirmation #4-Annex		8:30 AM	Fresh Start-DFH
	12:15 PM	Seed Swap-DFH		9:30 AM	UMVIM Team Departs
	1:00 PM	THDS Key Club Bd-116			Sun Sch Gr K-2 -Rm 204
	2:30 PM	MS/HS YOUTH-Annex			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.:	6:00 PM	GS Troop 365-221			Online Service
	7:00 PM	Jean Craig F'ship-205		11:00 AM	Traditions Service-Sanc
Tues.:	10:30 AM	Joy Singers-Music Suite			Online Service
	11:00 AM	Contemplative Prayer-Parlor		12:15 PM	Bridge Builders-116
	3:00 PM	Rest Stop-Annex		5:00 PM	Browder Lent Study-205
	6:00 PM	ESL Registration-Atrium		6:30 PM	Beth Moore Study-DFH
Wed.:	10:00 AM	ESL Registration-Atrium			
Wed.:	1:30 PM	Prayer Shawl-Parlor			
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir-Sanc			

**Lenton Sermon Series** begins Sunday, March 12, *Crash Course on Christianity*.

**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."



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

**Our Parish Nurse, Cindy Webb** will not be in Office 111 on Sunday mornings until mid-March.

*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!*

**NEW Small Group for Millennials:** TODAY, 9:45 AM in the fellowship hall; facilitated by Brion and Sonja Seward. Come gather with other singles and couples who may or may not have children at home.

**Plant/Seed Swap:** TODAY, 12:15 PM in the fellowship hall. Bring your extra plants/seeds 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)

**Girl Scout Sunday:** Next Sunday, March 12. The girls will help with the Fresh Start service and sell GS cookies (\$5) in the Atrium before and after the Fresh Start service.

**Bridge Builders Group:** Sunday, March 12, 12:15 in Room 116. POC: Maureen Coker ([mcoker2003@comcast.net](mailto:mcoker2003@comcast.net))

**Women's Fellowship Luncheon:** Thursday, March 16, at River's Bend Grill (13283 Rivers Bend Blvd). RSVP to Joan Osborne ([josbor61@gmail.com](mailto:josbor61@gmail.com)) if you plan to attend so we can provide the restaurant with an accurate head count.

**CUMC in a Nutshell Class:** Sunday, March 19, 9:45 AM in the church library (202). Are you a repeat visitor or a new member of the church who is interested in learning more about Chester United Methodist Church? We would love to have you join us. We will cover various topics including information about the worship services at CUMC, a brief history of the church, CUMC's mission statement, and what it means to be a disciple at our church. Additionally, we will give an overview of some of the committees as well as some of the service, study, and social opportunities at CUMC. We will leave time for general Q&A. If possible, please register in the pew pad or contact Joan Osborne ([josbor61@gmail.com](mailto:josbor61@gmail.com)). Questions? Contact Joan.

**Men's Grill-n-Gaga:** Sunday, March 19, 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 ([scott.pugh@bldr.com](mailto:scott.pugh@bldr.com) /804.536.1771) or Gary Williams ([garykaywilliams@gmail.com](mailto:garykaywilliams@gmail.com)).

**Play 'N' Share:** 1st & 3rd Sundays, 4:30 PM, beginning **March 19**. Come on out to Point of Rocks Park playground (201 Enon Church Rd, Chester) to play and to share fun and relationships! This is a "Fresh Expression" of church in which we go where people are gathering in the community. Over time, as we play and build relationships with people who do not go to church, we invite them to be part of a small Christian group with us. POC: Pastor Chad.

**KEEP IN PRAYER:** Andrew Dyson; Malcom & Dollie Stone; family of Craig Buxton; family of Francis Clark (mother of Dale); Ginny Virag; family of Grace Verghese; Peggy Meehan (friend of Lisa Stanfield); family of Charlene “Sue” Houglan (mother of Eric Houglan); Diane Mannetta; Beth Powner; Rebecca Kirkman Gorhellr (friend of Paul Marretti); Dee Watkins; Jean Wallace; Jeanne Shelburne; Dorothy Nugent; Davis (the brother of Bob & Jonnie Davis’ daughter-in-law); 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 26, 2023**

8:30 Fresh Start Service ..... 100  
 9:55 The Bridge Service..... 53  
 11:00 Traditions Service ..... 162  
 Online..... 44  
**Total Worship Attendance..... 359**

**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 Next Sunday, March 12, 2023**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b> Maureen Coker	
	<b>9:55</b> TBA	
	<b>11:00</b> Linda Large, Mary Musselwhite	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b> Gordon Morris*, Bill Comer	*Head Usher
	<b>9:55</b> Jim Watkins*, Diane Medina	
	<b>11:00</b> Will Herrmann*, Jeff Marlin, Willie Ortonm Tommy Petrey, Scott Pugh	
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>8:30, 9:55, 11:00</b> Staff Members, Carla Adams, Jessica Hargraves	

**The 150<sup>th</sup> Year History Book: CUT-OFF FOR ORDERING IS MARCH 6.** For all who are interested, please put your check in the amount of \$30 made payable to CUMC (Memo: History) in the offering plate or in the Historian's box (middle top row). If you have only signed-up but not paid, **please pay before March 6. The Any books not paid for by March 6 will revert to the actual full price of \$44 per book.** Shipping charges are an additional \$15. So...don't delay...order your History Book today! **TO RESERVE YOUR COPY**, register in the pew pad. POC: Mary Musselwhite - 804-330-0014.

**Confirmation Class Lenten Season Food Drive** for the Chesterfield Food Bank through March 26. Please help our youth by placing canned good items in the labeled box located in the Welcome Center. As part of their mission project, the class also volunteered at the Chesterfield Food Band on March 3. POC: Jennifer Brame ([youthleaders@chesterumc.org](mailto:youthleaders@chesterumc.org))

**Help Beautify the Altar for Easter** by ordering Easter lilies in honor/memory of your loved ones. The cost is \$15 per pot which will have 5-6 blooms. Deadline to order, Sun. Mar. 26. Please submit your order (with payment) to the Church Office or place in the offering plate during worship. You may take your flowers home with you after the 11:00 AM Easter Sunday service. If you would like to list a dedication but do not wish to take a lily home, please donate to the Flower Fund. Make checks payable to CUMC (Memo: Flower Fund).

**Clases de Inglés:** cada martes y jueves, 21 de marzo a 15 de junio, de 7:00 a 8:30 pm. Para más información, habla con Pastor Chad.

**Spanish Class & Small Group:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 11- June 29, 7:00-8:30 PM. Would you like to learn Spanish in a fun and practical way while growing in your faith? There will be opportunities to use your Spanish skills for ministry and friendship with native Spanish-language speakers. POC: Pastor Chad

**Community Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday, April 8, 10:00 AM, Goynes Park (5300 Ecoff Ave). The non-readers will hunt in the flat open space, and the readers will hunt over by the school. Place candy donations (no chocolate) in the labeled bin in the Missions Closet. *Please register in the pew pad if you are willing to donate candy (no chocolate) or help stuff or hide the eggs.*

**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 email Andy and Eileen Steck ([andyei10twitchell@gmail.com](mailto:andyei10twitchell@gmail.com)). Registration will open later in March.



## **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 the office). 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.

**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 / EASTER SERVICES**

- **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. *Seating will be somewhat limited, so it is important for you to sign up if you plan to attend.* Please register in the pew pad or contact the Church Office ([cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org](mailto:cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org) / 804-748-6006).
- **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

**Friendship Ministry Small Group** for adults who are cognitively challenged needs your prayerful consideration in the giving of your time and talents to become a rotating teacher. Our Sunday school class typically runs from 10:45-11:45 AM. We have 7 active students who are very engaged during class. We use a cognitively appropriate “One Big Story Bible” and we have teacher copies for your use. Our teachers typically take one Sunday per month; however, we can be flexible. **We need 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week teachers.** There is minimal prep required, however, you may use short videos, etc. to present your class. Please feel free to sit in on a class or contact Dan or Mari Hayes (Mari 804-647-7492 / [jilminnaples@msn.com](mailto:jilminnaples@msn.com)) for more information. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration.

**Ladies’ Afternoon Tea Returns:** Saturday, April 29, 2:00-4:00 PM. ***WE STILL NEED 2 MORE HOSTS!*** 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](mailto:jilldean67@gmail.com); 804-980-1323).* Tickets, on sale soon, are \$25 and proceeds will support our Music Ministry.



**When “Pull Yourself Together” Doesn't Work:** You’ve heard it time and time again: “Pull yourself together...Cheer up...Tough it out...It’s not that bad.” Perhaps people have said it to you. Or perhaps you keep saying it to yourself. But it hasn’t helped. You’re still hurting. Things are coming apart. Here’s the good news: You don’t have to go through your struggles alone. Help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers who will walk with you, listen to you, and provide confidential, one-to-one care as you search through the pieces and find what is truly in your heart. To learn more about what Stephen Ministry can do for you, talk to our Referral Coordinator, Vince D’Agostino at 804-461-8529. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you.

**What is “Second Mile” Giving?** In Mathew 5:41, Jesus suggests that when we are asked to go one mile, we go a second mile. Applying this to how we give, our first mile of giving is our tithes and offerings and our “second mile” is when we give and designate how the gift is to be used. First mile funds are used for local operating expenses and the support of ministries at local, conference, and world levels. An example of second mile giving is when we designate on a check or envelope that a gift is for our HVAC project or we give during a special offering for the HVAC project. Other examples of second mile giving are gifts designated for a specific mission trip, UMCOR, VBS, our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, etc. Another **key distinction** between first mile and second mile gifts is that second mile gifts **are not counted** as part of our tithes or annual pledges. As you are blessed, we encourage you to bless others through second mile gifts while keeping in mind, designated (second mile) gifts are gifts of generosity above and beyond your tithes and pledges.

## **SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS**

**Children's Sunday School:** 9:45 AM. 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))

### **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))

### **New Adult Small Group for Millennials** facilitated by Brion and Sonja Seward

9:45 AM, Davis Fellowship Hall

### **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 116

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, 2:30 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** (POC: Darlene Emerson, [agentches@aol.com](mailto:agentches@aol.com))

Sundays, Feb. 5 to Mar. 12, 6:30 -8:30 PM in Davis Fellowship Hall.

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

Monthly 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in **Room 205**, 12:15 PM, bring a bag lunch.

## SMALL GROUPS

**Women's Bible Study: Sundays**, 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**: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 use focus 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at a local restaurant. *The next gathering will be on Thursday, March 16 (River's Bend Grill)*. POC: 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 30** (rescheduled due to Maundy Thursday worship service on April 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

**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. **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 and return the assigned items to the collection box in the Missions Closet by Sun., April 1, noon. POC: Susan Petrey, 938-5396

**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](mailto:ehougland88@gmail.com)), Carolyn Landis ([landisfamily05@gmail.com](mailto:landisfamily05@gmail.com))

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

**Beginning TODAY**—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.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW):**

- **Jean Craig Fellowship** will meet on Monday, March 6, 7:00 PM. Room 205 to work on “Period Packs” for girls in need at Thomas Dale High School. Women and girls around the world live in period poverty—lacking access to necessary feminine care supplies even in our Chester community. Call Susan Petrey for details.
- The **Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship** will meet on Thursday, March 9, 10:30 AM in Room 226. POC Martha Miles, 748-5476.
- **Salad Luncheon—All Women of the Church** are invited to a luncheon meeting of the UMW **Sunday, March 19** immediately following 11 o’clock worship. Jennifer Boyden, CEO of Heart Havens, will tell us about Heart Havens homes across Richmond and Virginia and how we can help. Heart Havens is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides a home and 24-hour support to adults with developmental disabilities. Please bring a paper good donation (toilet paper, facial tissues, paper towels, paper plates, paper cups, etc.) to be used in the Heart Havens homes and a salad or dessert to share. The Jean Craig Fellowship will host. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, to learn more about UMW, our two participating fellowships, and how you can become involved.