



March 12, 2023  
9:55 AM

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

I Saw the Light  
I Feel Like Traveling On  
He Knows Just What I Need  
Ancient Words

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

The Weeping Tree  
*Jackie Farley*

**SCRIPTURE**

Deuteronomy 6:4-9  
*The Message*

**MESSAGE**

Crash Course in Christianity: Reading the Bible  
*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**

**DATE**

**SERMON TITLE**

**SCRIPTURE**

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*

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### **FRESH START SERVICE**

March 12, 2023—8:30 AM



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

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Love the Lord  
Good, Good, Father  
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March 12, 2023

A Service of Worship and Praise  
11:00 AM

3<sup>rd</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 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* Organist

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

Leader: Lent calls us to journey along the edge, to anticipate that final trip to Jerusalem.

**People: Lent calls us to the cutting edge, when the wheat falls to the ground and new life comes forth; the cutting of a new covenant.**

Leader: Lent calls us not only to give up something, but also to take upon ourselves as community the intention of true participation in the mystery of God-with-us.

**People: Lent calls us to corporate penitence, accountability, and preparation.**

Leader: Lent calls us to concentrate upon our baptismal vocation to be a sign of the New Earth.

**People: Lent calls us to face the darkness without holding a flashlight.**

\* Opening Hymn No. 577 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

\* Creed No. 595 *Whether the Word Be Preached or Read*

\* Gloria Patri No. 70

Special Music *I Believe* (from Gospel Mass) Chancel Choir

Why We Give

Offertory *The Weeping Tree* Jackie Farley

\* 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. 601

*Thy Word is a Lamp*

Remain seated.

Children's Message

\* Prayer of Centering

As we come together, let us settle into stillness...  
Slowly, ever so slowly, we center our minds and our hearts...  
Let your cares and your weariness fall away...  
Enter deeply into silence...  
We are one with the universe...  
We are one with the sun and the stars...  
We are one with the One who is Mystery, who created the heavens and the earth...  
O marvelous Mystery!  
I am one with the One who is Mystery, the One who created me, and loves me,  
and whose Spirit lives in me. Amen

Scripture

*Deuteronomy 6:4-9*

The Message

Sermon

*Crash Course in Christianity: Reading the Bible*

Rev. Nathan Decker

\* Closing Hymn No. 600

*Wonderful Words of Life*

\* 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.

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<sup>2</sup> The United Methodist Book of Worship, Copyright © 1972 The United Methodist Publishing House, 472

## CALENDAR

*March 12-19, 2023*

Today 8:15 AM	Nursery until 12:00 PM	Wed.: 7:00 PM	Finance-226
8:30 AM	Fresh Start-DFH	Thurs.: 1:00 PM	Women's F'ship Lunch
9:30 AM	UMVIM Team Departs	1:30 PM	Prayer Shawl-Parlor
	Sun Sch Gr K-2 -Rm 204	6:00 PM	People First-DFH
	Sun Sch Gr 3-5-Rm 206	6:30 PM	GS Service Unit-205
	Adult SS-Various		Disciple Life-Annex
9:55 AM	The Bridge-Sanc	Fri.: 6:00 PM	Youth Fun Night-Loft
	Online Service	Sat.: 10:00 AM	Strum & Smile-Music Sui.
11:00 AM	Traditions Service-Sanc		
	Online Service		
12:15 PM	Bridge Builders-116	<b>Next Sunday: March 19, 2023</b>	
2:30 PM	NO MS/HS Youth	8:15 AM	Nursery until 12:00 PM
5:00 PM	Browder Lent Study-205	8:30 AM	Fresh Start-DFH
6:30 PM	Beth Moore Study-DFH	9:30 AM	Sun Sch Gr K-2 -Rm 204
Mon.: 6:00 PM	6:30 PM Cub/Boy Scouts		Sun Sch Gr 3-5-Rm 206
Tues.: 10:30 AM	NO Joy Singers-Music Ste.		Adult SS-Various
11:00 AM	Contemplative Prayer-Parlor	9:55 AM	The Bridge-Sanc
3:00 PM	Rest Stop-Annex		Online Service
5:00 PM	Woodmen-DFH	11:00 AM	Traditions Service-Sanc
Wed.: 12:00 PM	Newsletter DEADLINE		Online Service
	Trustees-Annex	12:15 PM	UMW Salad Lunch-DF
5:00 PM	Key Club Banquet-DFH	4:00 PM	Grill & GaGa-Annex
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir-Sanc	4:30 PM	Play 'N Share-Pt of Rock
		5:00 PM	Browder Lent Study-205

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

**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. 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.

**NEW Brief Overview of Methodist Communion:** Monday, March 27, 6:00-8:00 PM, Room 205. Ministry Intern, Izaak Spiers, is teaching a brief overview of what makes the United Methodist approach to Holy Communion unique among denominations, followed by a period of prayer and fellowship (with baked goods). *Please sign up in the pew pad or at <https://forms.gle/5AqJS1m7oEzYQ66t6> by Wednesday, March 22.*

*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, We Commission our UMVIM Team** at Fresh Start as they head to Grundy, Virginia to help those who were devastated by the flooding in 2022. Please pray for our volunteers and the Grundy community (Lynn Crump, Keith Mottley, Bob Kutz, Willie Orton, Sherie Orton and Scott Pugh).

**Need Painters for Children's Sunday School Classroom Walls:** What a wonderful way to offer a gift of a beautiful classroom atmosphere for our children and teachers. *Please register in the pew pad.* POC: Pastor Chad

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

**Today is Girl Scout Sunday:** The girls are selling 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. We will also give an overview of some of the committees and 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. We hope to have a weekly game and grow together spiritually. 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)).

**KEEP IN PRAYER:** Andrew Dyson; Diane Mannetta; 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 Gorchellr (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 March 5, 2023**

8:30 Fresh Start Service .....	91
9:55 The Bridge Service .....	62
11:00 Traditions Service .....	134
Online.....	44
<b>Total Worship Attendance .....</b>	<b>333</b>

**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, March 12, 2023**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b> Maureen Coker	
	<b>9:55</b> Donna Nunery	
	<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 Orton, Tommy Petrey, Scott Pugh	
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>8:30, 9:55, 11:00</b> Staff Members, Carla Adams, Jessica Hargraves	

# **SERMON NOTES**



You're invited to  
*Chester United Methodist Church*



*He is Risen*  
Family paint class

SUNDAY: MARCH 26, 2023

TIME: 1:00PM

WHERE: DAVIS FELLOWSHIP HALL

RSVP: CHARLOTTE BRUMMETTE AT  
CHARL208@YAHOO.COM W/ # OF  
ATTENDEES

*All are welcome!*

**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.

**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))

**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

**Help Beautify the Altar for Easter** by ordering Easter lilies in honor/memory of your loved ones; Cost \$15 per pot (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).

**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.*

**Teachers Needed for Our Friendship Ministry Small Group** for adults who are cognitively challenged. Please prayerfully consider giving 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. Feel free to sit in on a class or contact Dan or Mari Hayes (Mari 804-647-7492 / [jlminnaples@msn.com](mailto:jlminnaples@msn.com)) for more info.

## **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 and Andrew Brummett; 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 from April 2 due to Maundy Thursday worship service.); 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, 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). 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)).

## LENTEN / 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).
- **Good Friday Prayer Fellowship:** Friday, April 7, 7:30 – 9:00 AM;
  - + YMCA Camp Thurnderbird (9300 Shawonodasee RD, Chesterfield)
  - + Free, however; registration is required (<https://www.ymcarichmond.org/good-friday-prayer-breakfast>)
  - + Join us as seven Richmond area Pastors gather to lead prayer and share the last sayings of Jesus prior to his sacrifice on the cross.
- **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

**United Methodist Women (UMW): 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.

**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 Houglan ([ehouglan88@gmail.com](mailto:ehouglan88@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, 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.

**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.

**Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, March 19, 2023**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Laura Houglan	
	<b>9:55</b>	Stephanie Decker	
	<b>11:00</b>	Marian Perkinson, Janis Hargrave	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Wendell Landis*, Ron Dombrowski	*Head Usher
	<b>9:55</b>	Jim Watkins*, Pat Stanfield	
	<b>11:00</b>	Gary Williams*, James Bartlett, Steve & Joan Osborne, Kay Williams	
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>8:30, 9:55, 11:00</b>	Staff Members, Carla Adams, Jessica Hargraves	