



June 11, 2023, 9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Goodbye, World, Goodbye
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Mighty to Save

SPECIAL MUSIC

My Immortal
Monte Nagy
How Firm a Foundation
Chris Johnston, violin

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:10-14
(The Voice)

MESSAGE

Jesus and the Lamb
Pastor Nathan Decker

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

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FRESH START SERVICE

June 11, 2023—8:30 AM



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

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What A Friend

Open Up the Heavens

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A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

2nd Sunday
after Pentecost

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Prelude

How Firm a Foundation

Chris Johnston, violin

* Call to Worship¹

Leader: Raise your voices in response to God's goodness.

People: We praise you, O Lord, for all the blessings you have given us.

Leader: Lift your hearts in sweet surrender to God's mercy.

People: We thank you, O Lord, for hearing the prayers of our hearts.

Leader: God is good; Praise be to God!

People: The love and mercy of God never fails. Amen.

* Opening Prayer²

O God, creator of the universe and worlds beyond, we lift our praise to you. You bless your creation with faithfulness, and you desire only the goodness of harmony and peace. May we carry your praise into the world so that all creation is blessed by your goodness. Amen.

* Hymn No. 569

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

* Affirmation of Faith No. 881

* 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.

Anthem

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Chancel Choir
Gretchen Georgas, horn

Stephen Ministry Moment

Steve Osborne

Why We Give

Offertory

My Immortal

Monte Nagy

* 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. 591

Rescue the Perishing

Stanzas 1 & 4

Children's Message

Scripture

Matthew 9:35-10:8

NIV

Sermon

Good News for the Troubled and Vulnerable Ones

Pastor Chad Beck

* Closing Hymn No. 389

Freely, Freely

* Benediction

* Happy Birthday Celebration

* *Please stand as you are able.* **Bold print indicates a response in unison.**

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of our 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 16 by Susan & Tommy Petrey.

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.* The available dates are July 2, 16, 23; Aug 6, 13; Sept 3, 10, 17, 24; Oct 8, 22; Dec 3, 31. ***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.

¹ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/8218/worship-connection-june-14-2020>

² Upper Room Worshipbook, page. 367, © 2006 Upper Room Books

CALENDAR
June 11-18, 2023

Today	8:15 AM	Nursery until 12 PM	Wed.:	7:00 PM	Church Council-226
	8:30 AM	Fresh Start Service-DFH			Chancel Choir
	9:30 AM	Sun Sch PreK-Rm 107	Thurs.-Saturday		Annual Conference-Roanoke
		Sun Sch Gr K-2-Rm 204	Thurs.:	1:00 PM	Ladies Lunch-Antonio's
		Sun Sch Gr 3-5-Rm 206		1:30 PM	Prayer Shawl-Parlor
	9:45 AM	Adult SS-Various		7:00 PM	ESL-205, 226, 221
	9:55 AM	The Bridge-Sanc	Fri.:	6:00 PM	GS Awards-DFH
	11:00 AM	Traditions Service-Sanc	Sat.:		
	12:00 PM	Rhodes' Birthday-DFH			
	12:15 PM	Families' Picnic-Annex	Next Sunday: June 18		
	12:30 PM	MS/HS Youth-Sports Park		8:15 AM	Nursery until 12 PM
Mon.:	5:00 PM	Woodmen-DFH		8:30 AM	Fresh Start Service-DFH
Tues.:	9:45 AM	Joy Singers-Springdale		9:30 AM	Sun Sch PreK-Rm 107
	11:00 AM	Contemplative Prayer			Sun Sch Gr K-2-Rm 204
	12:00 PM	Rest Stop Fishing-offiste			Sun Sch Gr 3-5-Rm 206
	7:00 PM	ESL-205, 226, 221		9:45 AM	Adult SS-Various
Wed.:	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline		9:55 AM	The Bridge-Sanc
	6:30 PM	Venture Crew-116		11:00 AM	Traditions Service-Sanc
Wed.:		NO Trustees		4:30 PM	Play N Share-Pt. of Rocks

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
June 18	Faith, Hope, and Charity (<i>FS/TS</i>)	I Corinthians 13:1-4, 13 KJV
	Good News for the Troubled/Vulnerable (<i>BG</i>)	Matthew 9:35-10:8 NIV
June 25	This Light We Are Given	I John 1:1-7 NIV
July 2*	A Compelling Invitation	Matthew 10:40-42

* *Indicates that we will celebrate Holy Communion*



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

*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, is available today, 9:00 - 10:45 AM (Office 111). Our Assistant Parish Nurse is Pat Baake.

Picnic for Families *TODAY*, June 11, 12:15 PM, Annex Lawn. Families from our church and community with children and youth under the age of 18 are encouraged to attend. Pack a picnic lunch and bring a blanket and a snack/dessert to share. Beverages will be provided. Bring outdoor games and such for the children. Organized by The Gathering Small Group. POC: Charlotte Brummette (Charl208@yahoo.com)

Jim Rhodes Invites You *TODAY*, June 11, 12:00 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. Help Jim (one of our newest members) celebrate his 80th birthday with a cake reception immediately following worship. All are welcome!

Youth Summer Kick Off *TODAY*, June 11, 12:30-2 PM, Ironbridge Sports Park (11400 Iron Bridge Rd), pizza, putt putt (\$10), and fun! POC: youthleaders@chesterumc.org

What Is Stephen Ministry? Scan the QR code to learn more about this one-to-one, Christ-centered ministry of care. Stephen Ministers are available to members of our congregation and community who are experiencing life difficulties.



Retirement Reception Honoring Terry Wisegarver *Sunday*, July 2, 12:15 PM in Davis Fellowship Hall. Join us for sweets and fellowship as we celebrate the retirement of our Office Manager, Terry Wisegarver.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 19-23, 2023
CHESTER UNITED METHODIST
WWW.CHESTERUMC.ORG
Pre-K through 5th Grade**



REGISTER NOW!

June 19-23, 2023
Monday-Friday
9:00 AM-12:10 PM
Grades PK-5.

Register your child at
<https://forms.gle/2avsJE5wDUK77RX17>
or scan the QR code.

If you are interested in helping,
contact Andy & Eileen Steck
(andyei10twitchell@gmail.com)

KEEP IN PRAYER: family of Mary Davis; Will Herrmann; Ed Garrett; Bobbi Morrisette; family of Doug Gestwick; family of Fred (Fritz) Buck; Billy Hopson; Suzanne Rountree; Beth Powner; Barbara Goodwyn; Peggy Bishop; Desiree Davis; Jennifer Brittenham (daughter of Joe & Diane Mannetta); Ethan Rutledge [Amanda]; Andrew Dyson; Joe & Diane Mannetta; Malcom & Dollie Stone; Ginny Virag; Peggy Meehan (friend of Lisa Stanfield); Dee Watkins; Jeanne Shelburne; Lynda Richardson; Jo Kiser; Kitty Lipscomb; Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence June 4, 2023

8:30 Fresh Start Service	59
9:55 The Bridge Service.....	59
11:00 Traditions Service	115
Online.....	29
Total Worship Attendance.....	262

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).

CHIMES – NEW PROCEDURE: Submit items to assistant@chesterumc.org on 3rd Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Leading Our Worship TODAY, June 11, 2023

Greeters:	8:30 Laura Houglan	
	9:55 Donna Nunery	
	11:00 Marian Perkinson, Sharon Buchanan	
Ushers:	8:30 Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer	*Head Usher
	9:55 Jim Watkins*, JR Irvin	
	11:00 Beth Stewart*, Bob Kutz, Emory Large, Joan & Steve Osborne	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:55, 11:00 Staff Members, Carla Adams, Jessica Hargraves	

Fresh Start Sunday School Class: *Beginning today, June 11*, join us for NOOMA throughout the summer. The name NOOMA is an English phonetic spelling of the Greek word pneuma, which is commonly translated to “spirit” or “breath.” Pneumatology refers to the study of spiritual beings, particularly the interactions between humans and God. NOOMA is a series, by popular pastor Rob Bell, that includes short films, scripture, and discussion of issues that we really care about. The Fresh Start Class meets every Sunday morning at 9:45 in Room 221 (at the top of the “old” stairway). Visitors and new members are always welcome. POC: Susan Petrey (938-5396)

Seekers Sunday School Class: 9:45 AM, Room 226. We are studying TROUBLESOME BIBLE PASSAGES by Douglas E. Wingeier and David Lowes Watson. This book addresses 23 scriptures that deal with theological, ethical, and practical issues. Each lesson will help us grow toward faith and discipleship. We welcome you to join us. POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

- **Jean Craig Fellowship** will meet on Monday, July 10, 7:00 PM. We will take the church van to visit local police and fire stations. We welcome any women who are looking for an evening circle. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for details.



Sometimes It's Hard to Ask For Help

We're brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it is a sign of weakness. So, we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, “Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” God wants us to care for others—and allow others to care for us in our time of need. If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. It's more than grief counseling-any issue that's troubling you is important to us and it's always confidential. Find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking to our Referral Coordinator, Vince D'Agostino at 804-461-8529.

Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, June 18, 2023

Greeters:	8:30	Karen & Bill Comer	
	9:55	Stephanie Decker	
	11:00	Hunter Beazley, Martha Miles	
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Morris*, Ron Dombrowski	*Head Usher
	9:55	Jim Watkins*, Pat Stanfield	
	11:00	Gordon Jones*, Larry Koon, Emory Large, Geoff LeSueur, Jeff Marlin	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:55, 11:00	Staff Members, Carla Adams, Jessica Hargraves	

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

Children's Sunday School: 9:45 AM. Pre-K (Rm. 107); Grades K-2 (Rm. 204); Grades 3-5 (Rm. 206). POC: Pastor Chad Beck

Middle and High School Youth Sunday School

9:45 AM, Annex Loft; POC: Pastor Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

Adult Small Group Bible Study

9:45 AM, Room 213 "Our Pad;" facilitated by Jeff Marlin (jeff.marlinabd@gmail.com)

Fresh Start Sunday School Class

9:45 AM, Room 221; POC: Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396

Friendship Ministry Class

10:40 AM, Room 116, for adults who are cognitively challenged.

POC: Mari and Dan Hayes (JLMinNaples@msn.com)

The Gathering Small Group (*on summer break June 4 – September 3*)

9:45 AM, Room 205; for singles/couples with/without children at home.

Facilitated by Brion & Sonja Seward and Andrew Brummette.

Journey Sunday School Class (*will not meet in August*)

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)

Senior Singles Sunday School Class (*on summer break June 4-September 3*)

9:45 AM, Parlor; POC: Cynthia Corley (cacorley@ctsi.net)

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

June 25, 12:15 PM (new date), Room 116. Final meeting until September 2023

Fiber Friends: 4th Sundays in **Room 205**, 12:15 PM, bring a bag lunch. POC: Beth Powner, knit9grammy@gmail.com. / (804) 586-0735)

Play 'N' Share: Next meeting June 18, 4:30 PM (1st & 3rd Sundays), Point of Rocks Park playground (201 Enon Church Rd, Chester). All ages are invited! POC: Pastor Chad.

OTHER SMALL GROUPS

Middle & High School Youth Meetings (POC: Jennifer Brame (youthleaders@chesterumc.org))

Monthly gatherings in June, July, and August for rising 6th through 12th grade

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

Village People Study, Socialize, & Service Group: 3rd Mondays at 2:00 PM, in June, July, and August. Community Room at Chester Village Senior APTS (11701 Chester Village DR).

Joy Singers (for retired folks): **Tuesdays**, 10:30 AM in the Music Suite. (*on summer break June 20-mid-September*) POC: Joshua Wortham.

Contemplative Prayer Group: Tuesdays, 11:00 AM in the Church Parlor. We read scripture and then focus, pray, chat, and connect with God. POC: Lisa Stanfield (lisajstanfield@gmail.com) Please contact Lisa if you are interested in sharing the leadership of this group!

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: 3rd Thursdays, 1 PM at a local restaurant. *The next gathering is on Thursday, June 15, at Antonios (11956 Iron Bridge Plaza, Chester, VA 23831)* POC: Joan Osborne (josbor61@gmail.com).

Prayer Shawl Group: Thursdays, 1:30 PM, 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. POCs: Beverly Trevillian (804-337-2367); Betty Stone (wva_lady@verizon.net/804-914-0433)

Women's Christian Book Club: Next meeting Thursday, July 6, 6:30 PM. Meets on 1st Thursdays, 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)

"Strum and Smile" Small Group: (will resume on September 9). **Saturday** mornings at 10:00 AM, Music Suite. Guys & gals who play stringed instruments with no intention of performing. All levels of play are welcome! POC: Keith Woods (the.gibson.kw@gmail.com)

Latino Health and Safety: 1st Friday of each month, beginning July 7, 6:00-8:30 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. Childcare provided. POC: Chad Beck

Summer Worship Schedule

Nursery Available for all Services

June and July

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| 8:30 am | Fresh Start Service |
| 9:45 AM | Children's Sunday School (Pre-K – 5 th)
Adult Sunday School |
| 9:55 AM | The Bridge Service |
| 11:00 AM | Traditions Service |

August 6 – September 3

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| 9:30 AM | Children's Sunday School (Pre-K – 5 th)
Adult Sunday School |
| 10:30 AM | Combined Worship Service |

Welcome our new Office Manager, Michelle Couvillion



Michelle Couvillion is joining CUMC on Monday, June 12, as our new Office Manager. She holds a master's degree in Elementary Education and has worked for many years as an Elementary School Teacher. Michelle has 2 adult children and lives in Henrico County with her two adorable dogs. When she's not working, Michelle enjoys being outdoors hiking, exploring local parks, and just enjoying nature. Please give Michelle a warm Chester welcome when you see her in the Church Office!

Michelle's email address is office@chesterumc.org.

Today's Sermon is inspired by this stained-glass window from our original 1927 chapel. Our historical collection of stained-glass windows is now proudly displayed in the Sanctuary.

