

CALENDAR

August 6 – August 13, 2023

Today	8:15 AM Nursery until 11:30 AM	Thurs:	1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor
	9:45 AM Sun Sch PreK-107		7:00 PM Finance- 226
	Sun Sch Gr K-5-206	Fri:	
	9:30 AM Adult SS-Variou	Sat:	10:00 AM Strum & Smile-Music Suite
	Sun Sch PreK-107		
	Sun Sch Gr K-5-206		
	Spiritual Practice-205		
	10:30 AM WORSHIP-DFH	Next Sunday: August 13	
	1:00 PM Private Event -DFH	9:30 AM Nursery until 11:30 AM	
	Key Club Board-116	9:30 AM Adult SS-Variou	
Mon:	6:30 PM Boy Scouts	Sun Sch PreK-107	
Tues:	11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer- Now at Trinity UMC	Sun Sch Gr K-5-206	
	12:00 PM Rest Stop	Spiritual Practice-205	
Wed:	10:00 AM Blood Drive- DFH	10:30 AM WORSHIP-DFH	
	12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline	11:30 AM Ice Cream Social	
	6:30 PM Crew- 116	6:30 PM Play ‘N’ Share- Point of Rocks Park	
	7:00 PM Church Council-226		

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
Aug 13	Allison Speer & Ice Cream	TBD
Aug 20	Excelling in Generosity	2 Corinthians
	Back To School Sunday – Blessing of the Backpacks	
Aug 27	Pastor Sylvia Meadows	

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 Sept 3, 17, 24; Oct 22; Dec 3. ***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 Florist and reduced delivery fee with Petals & Bows Florist. Thank you for helping to beautify the Altar for worship.

Bible Presentations, *Sunday, September 10.* Bibles will be given out to kindergarten and third graders. Please add your child’s name in the pew pad today to receive a bible.

*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 is NOT available today.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Wednesday, August 9, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM, DFH. Blood donations have been low this summer and *all blood types are needed*. Those who come to give blood will receive a \$10 e-gift card to a movie merchant of their choice and will have a chance to win a 3-night trip to New York. To make an appointment to donate blood, please visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=chesterumcva>

Allison Speer Sunday, August 13, 10:30 AM. This world-class, anointed singer will lead us in worship. Don't miss this special time of praise!

Feed More Food Distribution: Friday, August 18, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM. We need your help to feed our community! We are looking for 10 volunteers to assist with this event. This is a great way to get your Sunday School class or other small group involved with a mission project! Sign up by August 11. POC: Eric Hougland at 804-212-7857 or ehougland88@gmail.com.



Rise Against Hunger Sunday, August 20, 12:00-2:00 PM in Davis Fellowship Hall. Help us package 10,152 meals to fight global hunger. *Please consider donating beyond your tithed giving to help defer the cost of supplies for this mission event* (Memo: Rise Against Hunger). You may register in the pew pad or go online to events.riseagainsthunger.org/ChesterUMC2023

Volunteers Still Needed: Friday, August 25–Saturday, September 2, Chesterfield County Fair. Let's share God's love and grace with our community while we make money for our church! Chester UMC will be financially compensated for our volunteer hours. This is an excellent fundraising opportunity! Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D44A5A72BA75-chesterfield>



Grace in the Midst of Trouble Wednesday, September 13, 6:30 PM, Room 213. You are invited to join in a study that will explore God's grace in the lives of 6 Old Testament characters who find themselves out of sync with God. For six weeks you are invited to explore how God interacts with these fallible characters with grace while at the same time holding them accountable for their actions. POC: Stan Hargraves shargraves@upsem.edu

Small Group Training: Sunday, September 17, in the Fellowship Hall following worship. All small group leaders are encouraged to attend. POC: Pastor Nathan

KEEP IN PRAYER: Sue Matthews; family of Monty Woodfin; Bobbie Morrissette; Family of Kelly Crabtree; Keith [Jeanne] Harper; Hailey Wilde; Becky Kirkman; Carol Davis; Ethan [Amanda] Rutledge; Nancy Corbin (friend of Fae Hardee); Victoria Harrington; Linda Willingham; Ruth DeVore; family of Sara Deakin; Rev. Eddie and Becky Leonard; Billy Hopson; Beth Powner; Barbara Goodwyn; Peggy Bishop; Jennifer Brittenham (daughter of Joe & Diane Manna); Andrew Dyson; Joe & Diane Manna; Malcom & Dollie Stone; Dee Watkins; Lynda Richardson; Jo Kiser; Kitty Lipscomb; Clara Gestwick; David Rossiter (brother of Barbara Goodwyn).

Our Presence July 30, 2023

Online.....	37
Fresh Start	72
Bridge.....	46
Traditions	134
Total Worship Attendance	289

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 Michelle at office@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** – Submit items to assistant@chesterumc.org no later than the 3rd Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Leading Our Worship TODAY, August 6, 2023

Greeters:	Bill & Karen Comer	
Ushers:	Beth Stewart*, Ron Dombrowski, Pat Stanfield, Steve & Joan Osborne	*Head Usher
Communion Attendants:	Wendell & Carolyn Landis, Lisa Stanfield, Bill & Karen Comer, Members of the Friendship Ministry	
Nursery:	Staff Members, Jessica Hargraves	

Kid's Kiononia Communion Training: *Sunday, September 24, 5:00 PM.* A time of art, craft, experience, and growth. Kids will have time with Pastor Nathan exploring how God loves us through bread, juice, and Jesus. On *Sunday, October 1*, during Communion at the Fresh Start Worship Service, the kids will assist serving the congregation the bread and cup. Please sign your children up in the pew pad today or contact the Church Office. (office@chesterumc.org)

Fresh Start Sunday School Class: will meet Sundays, *Today, August 6-September 3*, at 9:15 a.m. Then, September 10, we will resume meeting every Sunday morning at 9:45 in room 221. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for more information.

Seekers Sunday School Class: 9:30 AM, Room 226. We are studying TROUBLESOME BIBLE PASSAGES by Douglas E. Wingeier and David Lowes Watson. We welcome you to join us. POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

"Strum and Smile" Small Group: *Resumes, Saturday, August 5* and meets every Saturday morning at 10:00 AM. In the CUMC Music Suite. 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: Keith Woods



Stephen Ministry: Lonely? Experiencing a Difficult Time? Don't suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and help you through a crisis or difficult time. To find out more, call Vince D'Agostino at 804-461-8529. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care. No problem is too small, and we are here to walk with you through your journey back to wholeness.

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

- **Jean Craig Fellowship** will meet on Monday, August 14, at 4:00 PM. We will take the bus to the VA UMC camp Westview on the James in Goochland for a tour and picnic. We welcome any women who are looking for an evening circle. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for details.

Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, August 13, 2023

Greeters:	Marian Perkinson, Sharon Buchanan
Ushers:	Gordon Morris*, Bill Comer, Harold Crowder, *Head Usher Geoff LeSueur, Scott Pugh
Nursery:	Staff Members, Carla Adams and Jessica Hargraves

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

Children's Sunday School: 9:30 AM. Pre-K (Rm. 107); Grades K-5 (Rm. 206).
POC: Pastor Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

Middle and High School Youth Sunday School
9:30 AM, Annex Loft; POC: Pastor Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

Adult Small Group Bible Study 9:30 AM, Room 213 "Our Pad" facilitated
by Jeff Marlin (jeff.marlinabd@gmail.com)

Fresh Start Sunday School Class
9:15 AM, Room 221; POC: Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396

Friendship Ministry Class
9:30 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 Hougland (ehougland88@gmail.com)

Seekers Sunday School Class 9:30 AM, Room 226. We welcome you to join us. 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)

New: Spiritual Practices during the month of August, 9:30 AM, Room 205.
August 6, Creating a Prayer Closet in Your Heart, August 13, Prayer of Examen,
POC: Pastor Nathan

Fiber Friends *Resumes September 24*, meets on 4th Sundays in Room 205, 12:15 PM, bring a bag
lunch and any projects. POC: Beth Powner, knit9grammy@gmail.com. / (804) 586-0735)

Play 'N' Share: Next meeting August 13, 6:30 PM (2nd & 4th Sundays), Point of Rocks Park
playground (*201 Enon Church Rd, Chester*). All ages are invited! POC: Pastor Chad

Bridge Builders: Sunday, September 24, at 12:15 PM, Room 116. POC: Maureen Coker
mcoker2003@comcast.net.

OTHER SMALL GROUPS

Middle & High School Youth Meetings Monthly gatherings in July and August for rising 6th through 12th grade. (POC: Jennifer Brame (youthleaders@chesterumc.org))

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 Monday at 2:00 PM, in 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. (*resumes September 12*)
POC: Joshua Wortham.

Contemplative Prayer Group: **Tuesdays**, 11:00 AM, now meeting at Trinity UMC, 215 S. Sycamore St. Petersburg. We read scripture and then focus, pray, chat, and connect with God. 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: 3rd **Thursdays**, 1:00 PM at a local restaurant. *The next gathering is on Thursday, August 17*, at Carini's Italian Restaurant (3620 Boulevard, Colonial Heights). RSVP by August 14. 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: 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: August 5, and every Saturday 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, 6:30-8:00 PM, in Davis Fellowship Hall. A variety of topics related to health and safety, as well as food from different regions, will be presented at each gathering. Childcare provided. POC: Pastor Chad



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The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God by Mike Browder in honor of his mother, Anna Marie Snelling (ne Ficke) on her 100th birthday. She is a 1941 graduate of Chester High School.

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



Need a name tag? Register in the pew pad or contact Michelle (office@chesterumc.org), indicate how you want your name to appear on the tag, and drop a check in the offering plate (\$10 per nametag, payable to CUMC, Memo: Nametag).

STAFF DIRECTORY

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August 6, 2023

A Service of Worship and Praise
10:30 AM

10th Sunday
after Pentecost

Welcome and Introduction

Joshua Wortham

* Sung Call to Worship¹

Leader: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

People: O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

Leader: All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;

People: Join me in glad adoration!

* Greeting

Prelude

The Solid Rock

Jack Price, trumpet

* Testimony & Hymn No. 369

Blessed Assurance

Rev. Keith Mottley

Testimony & Hymn No. 377

It Is Well with My Soul

Tamra Spurlock

Testimony & Offertory

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Jack Price

* 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!

Prayer Hymn No. 496

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Stanza 1

Prayer

Carrie Coyner

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

Testimony & Hymn No. 707

Hymn of Promise

Rev. Stan Hargraves

Holy Communion

* Testimony & Hymn No. 364

Because He Lives

Rev. Cynthia Corley

* Benediction

Pastor Nathan Decker

* Postlude

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