

CALENDAR

August 13 – August 20, 2023

<p>Today 8:15 AM Nursery until 11:30 AM 9:45 AM Sun Sch PreK-107 Sun Sch Gr K-5-206 9:30 AM Adult SS-Various Sun Sch PreK-107 Sun Sch Gr K-5-206 Spiritual Practice-205 10:30 AM WORSHIP-DFH 11:45 AM Ice Cream Social-DFH 6:30 PM Play”N” Share- Point of Rocks Park</p> <p>Mon: 4:00 PM Jean Craig-Camp Westview 6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p> <p>Tues: 11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer- Trinity UMC 5:00 PM Kitchen Committee- Parlor</p> <p>Wed: 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>Thurs: 1:00 PM Women’s Fellowship Luncheon- Carini’s 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor 6:00 PM Divorce Support-Parlor</p> <p>Fri: 9:30 AM Feed More-Greenleigh MHP</p> <p>Sat: 10:00 AM Strum & Smile-Music Suite 6:00 PM Family Game Night-DFH</p> <p>Next Sunday: August 20</p> <p>9:30 AM Nursery until 11:30 AM 9:30 AM Adult SS-Various Sun Sch PreK-107 Sun Sch Gr K-5-206 Spiritual Practice-205 10:30 AM WORSHIP-Back to School Sunday- DFH 12:00 PM TD Key Club- 116 12:00 PM Rise Against Hunger-DFH</p>
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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
Aug 20	Excelling in Generosity Back To School Sunday- Blessing of the Backpacks- Church Shirts	2 Corinthians
Aug 27	Pastor Sylvia Meadows	
Sept 3	“Are You Sure It’s Me, God?”	Exodus 3:1-15

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 so they may receive a bible during the Worship Service.

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

Ice Cream Social Today, August 13, in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Come enjoy an ice cream treat and good fellowship with friends and family.

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

The United Methodist Women (UMW) Jean Craig Fellowship: Monday, August 14, 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. POC: Susan Petrey, 938-5396, call for details.

Divorce Support Group: Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the Parlor. A support group for coping with loss. If you have experienced divorce or any loss that was unexpected, consider joining in a supportive environment. You will explore how to work through grief and recover from losses. (Aug. 17, Aug 31, Sept. 14, more dates TBD) POC: Rev. Glenn Riggs
Glennriggs@vaumc.org

Women's Fellowship Luncheon: Thursday, August 17, at 1:00 PM, (3rd Thursday of each month) 1:00 PM at Carini's Italian Restaurant, 3620 Boulevard, Colonial Heights. RSVP by August 14. POC: Joan Osborne (josbor61@gmail.com)

Feed More Food Distribution: Friday, August 18, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM at Greenleigh Mobile Home Park, 14006 Stevenhurst Dr, Chester. 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! 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. 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. Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D44A5A72BA75-chesterfield>



KEEP IN PRAYER: Joshua Wortham; Beth Powner; Sue Matthews; family of Monty Woodfin; Bobbie Morrisette; 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; Barbara Goodwyn; Peggy Bishop; Jennifer Brittenham (daughter of Joe & Diane Mannelta); Andrew Dyson; Joe & Diane Mannelta; Malcom & Dollie Stone; Dee Watkins; Lynda Richardson; Jo Kiser; Kitty Lipscomb; Clara Gestwick; David Rossiter (brother of Barbara Goodwyn).

Our Presence August 6, 2023

Online..... 34
Combined Worship 10:30 AM..... 143
Total Worship Attendance 177

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.

Nutshell Class: September 24, 2023, at 9:45, Room 116. Would you like to know more about our Church? Are you thinking about joining Chester United Methodist Church? Are you looking for a Mission that will help you better “connect” to God and our Church? If you answer yes to any of these questions, we invite you to come to the Nutshell Class. Sign up in the pew pad today or email office@chesterumc@gmail.com . POC: Joan Osborne josborne61@gmail.com

Leading Our Worship TODAY, August 13, 2023

Greeters:	Steve & Joan Osborne
Ushers:	Gordon Morris*, Bill Comer, *Head Usher Geoff LeSueur, Scott Pugh
Nursery:	Staff Members, Carla Adams and Jessica Hargraves

Fresh Start Sunday School Class: will meet Sundays, August 13-September 3, 9:15 AM, 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: Meets Saturday mornings 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.



Grace in the Midst of Trouble Thursday, September 14, 6:30 PM. 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 we will explore how God interacts with these fallible characters with grace while at the same time holding them accountable for their actions. POC: Stan Hargraves stanhargraves@vaumc.org

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

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)

Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, August 20, 2023

Greeters:	Andy & Eileen Steck
Ushers:	William Hermann*, Bob Kutz, *Head Usher Jeff Marlin, Willie Orton, Don Schmidt
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)

Spiritual Practices during the month of August, 9:30 AM, Room 205.

August 13, Prayer of Examen; August 20, The Practice of Compassion; August 27, Music and Meditation. 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: 2nd & 4th Sundays, 6:30 PM, 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 (juliejferry@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)

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: 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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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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Preschool Director: Jen Barnes	preschool@chesterumc.org

August 13, 2023

A Service of Worship and Praise
10:30 AM

11th Sunday
after Pentecost

Welcome

Joshua Wortham

* Worship Song

I Saw the Light

Led by The Bridge Band

* Greeting

* Worship Song

Where Could I Go?

Children's Message

Pastor Nathan Decker

Why We Give

Offertory

He Knows Just What I Need

The Bridge Band

Prayer

Pastor Nathan Decker

Message in Song

Allison Speer

* Worship Song

Bigger Than Any Mountain

* Announcements & Benediction

Pastor Nathan Decker

* *Please stand as you are able.*

Guest Musician Allison Speer grew up in the Bluegrass fields of Kentucky. She began singing professionally in 1985 and has traveled the nation and the world sharing the Gospel in song. In addition to performing at notable churches like the Brooklyn Tabernacle in New York, Allison has made regular appearances on the Gaither Homecoming Tours and video series. No matter where she is, a consuming flame keeps her searching for ways to be used, as she says, "to help others identify with the suffering of Jesus and bring clarity to the word of God through music." She also leads conferences helping to train up a new generation of performers, teaching them ways to effectively minister the Gospel.

Allison will be in the Welcome Center following worship to meet and greet. Her husband, Brian, has merchandise available for purchase including CDs, homemade jewelry and more.

As you exit today, the ushers will have buckets to receive **donations** for Allison's ministry. Please *make checks payable to Allison Speer Ministries*. Thank you for your generosity!