

## CALENDAR

### *August 20 – August 27, 2023*

<p>Today 9:30 AM Nursery until 11:30 AM          Sun Sch PreK-107          Sun Sch Gr K-5-206          Adult SS-Various          Sun Sch PreK-107          Sun Sch Gr K-5-206          Spiritual Practice-205</p> <p>10:30 AM WORSHIP-DFH          12:00 PM TD Key Club- 116          12:00 PM Rise Against Hunger-DFH          3:00 PM Volunteer Training for          County Fair-Fair Grounds</p> <p>Mon: 10:00 AM Worship Committee-Parlor          6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p> <p>Tues: 11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer-          Trinity UMC</p>	<p>Wed: 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline          6:30 PM Crew-116          7:00 PM SPRC-226</p> <p>Thurs: 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor</p> <p>Fri: 11:00 AM Memorial Service for          Keith Harper-DFH</p> <p>Sat: 10:00 AM Strum &amp; Smile-Music Suite</p> <p><b>Next Sunday: August 27</b></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</p> <p>10:30 AM WORSHIP-DFH          6:30 PM Play “N” Share-          Point of Rocks Park</p>
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### SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
Aug 27	Pastor Sylvia Meadows Do You Want to Grow in Grace?	Psalm 119: 1-7, Matthew 22:34-40 NRSV
Sept 3	“Are You Sure It’s Me, God?”	Exodus 3:1-15
Sept 10	Growing by Getting Small	Hebrews 10:19-25 NRSV

**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.

***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, (Office 111).

**Rise Against Hunger:** *Today, August 20, 12:00-2:00 PM* in Davis Fellowship Hall. Pizza lunch is provided for volunteers. 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).

**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. Mandatory volunteer training *today, Sunday, August 20, at 3:00 PM* at the Chesterfield County Fair Grounds. Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D44A5A72BA75-chesterfield>



**Latino Health and Safety:** *September 1*, and 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month, 6:00-7:30 PM, 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

**Chancel Choir** rehearsals resume on Wednesday, September 6, at 7:00 PM! Singers of all skill levels are welcome to join! POC: Joshua Wortham

**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.

**Joy Singers** rehearsals for our retired folks resume on *Tuesday, September 19, at 10:30 AM.* This group sings for local nursing home residents and community groups. POC: Joshua Wortham

**Small Group Training:** *Sunday, September 17,* in the Fellowship Hall, 12:15 PM, following worship. All small group leaders are encouraged to attend. We will share a light lunch with one another as we learn and explore our unique opportunity (and responsibility) to help develop and grow disciples of Christ through our small group ministry.  
POC: Pastor Nathan, Beth Stewart [bethstew@gmail.com](mailto:bethstew@gmail.com)

**Advanced Planning Seminar:** *Sunday, September 17,* after each Worship service, room TBD. Learn about the benefit of preplanning your final arrangements. This short seminar will focus on the benefits of preplanning documents and information that should be available to your family when a death occurs. POC: Brion Seward [1bseward@comcast.net](mailto:1bseward@comcast.net)

**KEEP IN PRAYER:** The family of Captain Jason Ware; the family of Keith [Jeanne] Harper; family of Lena Parham; Louise Sheets; Peggy Meehan; Pam Overton; Marie Purdue; E.J. Walters; Beth Powner; Sue Matthews; family of Monty Woodfin; Bobbie Morrissette; family of Kelly Crabtree; Hailey Wilde; Becky Kirkman; Carol Davis; Ethan [Amanda] Rutledge; Nancy Corbin; 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

**Our Presence August 13, 2023**

Online..... 42  
Combined Worship 10:30 AM..... 263  
**Total Worship Attendance ..... 305**

**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 Michelle at [office@chesterumc.org](mailto: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](mailto:rmachachi@aol.com)).
- **The Chimes** – Submit items to [assistant@chesterumc.org](mailto:assistant@chesterumc.org) no later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

**Nutshell Class:** *September 24, 2023, at 9:45.* 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](mailto:office@chesterumc@gmail.com) . POC: Joan Osborne [josborne61@gmail.com](mailto:josborne61@gmail.com)

**Leading Our Worship TODAY, August 20, 2023**

<b>Greeters:</b>	Andy & Eileen Steck
<b>Ushers:</b>	Will Hermann*, Bob Kutz, *Head Usher Jeff Marlin, Willie Orton, Don Schmidt
<b>Nursery:</b>	Staff Members, Carla Adams and Jessica Hargraves

**“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

**Jean Craig Fellowship:** Monday, September 11, 7:00 p.m., room 205, to assemble period packs and make plans for the fall. Susan Petrey for details 938-5396.

**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](mailto:stanhargraves@vaumc.org)

**Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship:** will resume their monthly meetings on Thursday, September 14, 10:00 AM, room 226, the "Upper Room," for a time of fellowship. All ladies of the church are invited, and no reservation is required. Just mark your calendars and join us. Contact Martha Miles 804/748-5476 or Ginger Chadwick 804/748-4778 if you have suggestions for a program or would like to help in any other way.

**Kid’s Koinonia 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](mailto:office@chesterumc.org))

**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.



**Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, August 27, 2023**

<b>Greeters:</b>	Marian Perkinson , Sharon Buchanan
<b>Ushers:</b>	Gordon Jones*, JR Irvin, Larry Koon, *Head Usher Emory Large, Tommy Petrey
<b>Nursery:</b>	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](mailto:chadbeck@chesterumc.org))

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

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

**Fresh Start Sunday School Class:** 9:15 AM, Room 221; will meet Sundays, August 20-  
September 3, 9:15 AM, then, September 10, we will resume meeting every Sunday morning  
at 9:45 in room 221. All are welcome. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for more information.

**Friendship Ministry Class**  
9:30 AM, Room 116, for adults who are cognitively challenged.  
POC: Mari and Dan Hayes ([JLMinNaples@msn.com](mailto: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](mailto:landisfamily05@gmail.com));  
Eric Houglund ([ehouglund88@gmail.com](mailto:ehouglund88@gmail.com))

**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](mailto: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](mailto:cacorley@ctsi.net))

**Spiritual Practices** during the month of August, 9:30 AM, Room 205. August 20, Lectio Devina;  
August 27, Music and Meditation. POC: Pastor Nathan

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**Fiber Friends:** *Resumes September 24*, meets on 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in Room 205, 12:15 PM. All who  
enjoy knitting, etc. are welcome! Bring a bag lunch and any projects. POC: Beth Powner,  
[knit9grammy@gmail.com](mailto:knit9grammy@gmail.com). / (804) 586-0735)

**Play 'N' Share:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 6:30 PM, Point of Rocks Park playground (*201 Enon  
Church Rd, Chester*). All Ages Are Invited! A fresh expression of church in which we go  
where people are gathering in our community. POC: Chad Beck ([chadbeck@chesterumc.org](mailto:chadbeck@chesterumc.org))

## OTHER SMALL GROUPS

**Bridge Builders:** *Sunday, September 24, at 12:15 PM, Room 116. POC: Maureen Coker*  
[mcoker2003@comcast.net](mailto:mcoker2003@comcast.net).

**Middle & High School Youth Meetings** Monthly gatherings in July and August for rising 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. (POC: Jennifer Brame ([youthleaders@chesterumc.org](mailto:youthleaders@chesterumc.org)))

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

**Village People Study, Socialize, & Service Group:** *3<sup>rd</sup> 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*, 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](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))

**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](mailto:wva_lady@verizon.net/804-914-0433))

**Women's Christian Book Club:** Meets *on 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:jrbrooksiee@gmail.com))

**The United Methodist Women (UMW) Jean Craig Fellowship:** We welcome any women who are looking for an evening circle. POC: Susan Petrey, 938-5396, call for details.

**Divorce Support Group:** *Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 6:00 PM*, 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 31, Sept. 14, more dates TBD)  
POC: Rev. Glenn Riggs ([Glennriggs@vaumc.org](mailto:Glennriggs@vaumc.org))

**Women's Fellowship Luncheon:** *Thursday, September 21, at 1:00 PM* (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month) RSVP by September 18, POC: Joan Osborne ([josbor61@gmail.com](mailto:josbor61@gmail.com))



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**The Flowers on the Altar** are given to the glory of God by the Rev. and Mrs. Marian Garrett in celebration of their 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Online Giving:** To contribute online, scan the QR code with your smartphone or visit [www.chesterumc.org](http://www.chesterumc.org) and click “Online Giving.”



**Need a name tag?** Register in the pew pad or contact Michelle ([office@chesterumc.org](mailto: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).

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August 20, 2023

A Service of Worship and Praise  
10:30 AM

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after Pentecost

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Gathering Music

*Everyday*  
*Awesome Is the Lord Most High*

Led by The Fresh Start Band

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Nathan Decker

\* Worship Song

*Majestic*

\* Greeting

\* Worship Song

*Glory to God Forever*

Why We Give

Offertory

*How Great Is Our God*

Children's Message & Backpack Blessing

Pastor Nathan Decker

Scripture

*2 Corinthians 8:1-9*

*The Voice*

Sermon

*Excelling in Generosity*

Pastor Nathan Decker

\* Worship Song

*I Will Follow*

\* Non-Benediction & Challenge to Feed

Pastor Nathan Decker

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\* *Please stand as you are able.*

**Homecoming Sunday:** *Sunday, October 8, 2023*, following the 11:00 AM worship service. We invite you and all that grew up at Chester UMC, to a Homecoming as we continue to celebrate our 150th Anniversary. Mark your calendars and join us for this event! We will convene in the Fellowship Hall for a covered dish lunch. Fried chicken will be provided by the History Committee. The scrapbooks showing how our church evolved over the years will be on display with other historic memorabilia. We look forward to seeing you all and reminiscing about events that took place as we grew in our faith at Chester UMC! POC: Mary Musselwhite (804) 330-0014