

CALENDAR

August 27 – September 3, 2023

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

10:30 AM WORSHIP-DFH
 6:30 PM Play “N” Share-
 Point of Rocks Park

Mon: 9:00 AM Stephen Leaders-116
 6:30 PM Boy Scouts
 7:00 PM CUMCPS Board-116

Tues: 11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer-
 Trinity UMC
 3:00 PM Rest Stop-Annex
 7:00 PM ESL Intro & Level 1-
 205, 213, 220, 221, 226

Wed: 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
 12:30 PM Key Club Board-226

Thurs: 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor
 6:00 PM Divorce Support- Parlor
 7:00 PM ESL Intro & Level 1-
 205, 213, 220, 221, 226

Fri: 6:00 PM Latino Health & Safety-DFH
 Sat: 10:00 AM Strum & Smile-Music Suite

Next Sunday: September 3

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-DFH

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
Sept 3	“Are You Sure It’s Me, God?”	Exodus 3:1-15
Sept 10	Growing by Getting Small Regular Worship Services Resume, Small Group Kick Off Sunday	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.

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.



***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).

Spiritual Practices: *Today, August 27 at 9:30 AM, Room 205. Music and Meditation.*
POC: Joshua Wortham

Play 'N' Share: *Today, August 27, and 2nd & 4th 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)*

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>

Latino Health and Safety: *September 1, and 1st Friday of each month, 6:00-8:30 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. This week's event will include martial arts, including
information on bullying and self-defense. Childcare provided. POC: Pastor Chad*

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.

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)

Advanced Planning Seminar: *Sunday, September 17, after each worship service, in the Parlor.*
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)

KEEP IN PRAYER: Lynn McHugh; Nathan Rutledge; Leroy Millar; family of Captain Jason Ware; family of Keith Harper; Louise Sheets; Peggy Meehan; E.J. Walters; Beth Powner; Sue Matthews; Bobbie Morrissette; Hailey Wilde; Becky Kirkman; Carol Davis; Nancy Corbin; Linda Willingham; Ruth DeVore; Rev. Eddie and Becky Leonard; Billy Hopson; Joe & Diane Mannetta; Dee Watkins; Jennifer Brittenham (daughter of Joe & Diane Mannetta); Malcom & Dollie Stone; Lynda Richardson; Jo Kiser; Kitty Lipscomb; Clara Gestwick

Our Presence August 20, 2023

Online..... 36
Combined Worship 10:30 AM..... 232
Total Worship Attendance 268

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/bIV9Tv> 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 9:30-10:30, Parlor.* 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.org . POC: Joan Osborne (josborne61@gmail.com)

Leading Our Worship TODAY, August 27, 2023

Greeters:	Marian Perkinson , Sharon Buchanan
Ushers:	Gordon Jones*, JR Irvin, Larry Koon, *Head Usher Emory Large, Tommy Petrey
Nursery:	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. Call Susan Petrey for details 938-5396.

Grace in the Midst of Trouble: Thursday, September 21-October 26 at 6:30 PM, room 116. 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)

Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship: resumes 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)

Seekers Sunday School: On Sept. 24, the Rev. Ed Garrett will teach about John Wesley's interpretation of God's grace in the past, present and future. Entitled "Grace Upon Grace", the lesson discusses Romans 5:1-11. We welcome you to join us at 9:40 in room 226 (the Upper Room) for this special class. POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

TDHS 50th Class Reunion: October 7, 2023 at 3001 West Hundred RD. If you're a 1973 TDHS graduate visit <http://tdhs1973.com/> to register and get full details on all of the events.

Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, September 3, 2023

Greeters:	Hunter & Martha Miles	
Ushers:	Beth Stewart*, Ron Dombrowski, Andrew Brummette, Joan Osborne, Steve Osborne	*Head Usher
Communion:	Harold Crowder, Claudia Nagy, Andy & Eileen Steck, Friends from the Friendship Ministry	
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; 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)

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: 9:30 AM, Room 226. We are studying Troublesome Bible
Passages. 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; *(Exception-on Sept. 17 & Sept. 24 meet in the choir room)*
POC: Cynthia Corley (cacorley@ctsi.net)

Ruth Bible Study: September 10, 17, & 24 at 9:45 AM, in the Annex. POC: Pastor Chad

Fiber Friends: *Resumes September 24*, meets on 4th 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) / (804) 586-0735)

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

OTHER SMALL GROUPS

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

Middle & High School Youth Meetings: Gatherings in 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).*

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

Joy Singers *Tuesdays, (Resumes September 19) at 10:30 AM* in the Music Suite. Rehearsals for our retired folks. This group sings for local nursing home residents and community groups. . POC: Joshua Wortham.

Contemplative Prayer Group: *Tuesdays, 11:00 AM, meeting at Trinity UMC, Petersburg. We read scripture, pray, 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! 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. POC: Jennifer Brame (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 to explore how to work through grief and recover from divorce and other losses. Aug 31, Sept. 14, Sept 28. POC: Rev. Glenn Riggs (Glennriggs@vaumc.org)

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



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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).

Maui Relief Donations: To make a financial contribution to the Maui relief efforts please visit <https://umcmmission.org/umcor-us-latest-responses/>. 100% of your donation will be given directly to recovery and relief efforts for Maui. You may also write a check payable to Chester UMC, (memo: Maui relief).

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Preschool Director: Jen Barnes	preschool@chesterumc.org

August 27, 2023

A Service of Worship and Praise
10:30 AM

13th Sunday
after Pentecost

Welcome, Announcements and Greeting

Pastor Chad Beck

Prelude

A New Name in Glory

Cheryl & Charles Green

Jill & Craig Seal

* Call to Worship

* Opening Prayer

* Hymn No. 374

Standing on the Promises

* Affirmation of Faith No. 883

* Gloria Patri

Children's Message

Rev. Sylvia Meadows

Why We Give

Karen Comer

Offertory

How Great Thou Art

Kat Oros

* Doxology No. 95

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer No. 895

Pastor Chad Beck

Scripture

Matthew 22:34-40

NRSV

Sermon

Pilgrimage

Rev. Sylvia Meadows

Special Music

Praise You

The Greens & Seals

* Hymn No. 547

O Church of God, United

* Benediction

Pastor Chad Beck

* *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