

CALENDAR

September 3 -September 10, 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

1:00 PM Key Club Board-116

Mon: Church Office Closed

6:30 PM Boy Scouts-DFH

7:00 PM Jean Craig Fellowship-205

Tues: 11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer-
Trinity UMC

2:00 PM Stephen Ministers-226

3:00 PM Rest Stop-Annex

7:00 PM ESL Intro & Level 1-
205, 213, 220, 221, 226

Wed: 10:00 AM Visitation Team- 226

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

6:30 PM Crew-116

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM Nominations-205

Thurs: 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor

6:00 PM Divorce Support- Parlor

6:30 PM Women's Book Club-
Annex

7:00 PM ESL Intro & Level 1

Fri: 6:00 PM Latino Health Safety-DFH

Sat: 10:00 AM Strum & Smile-Music Suite

Next Sunday: September 10

8:30 AM Nursery until 11:30 AM

8:30 AM Adult SS-Various

9:45 AM Sun Sch PreK-107

Sun Sch Gr K-5-206
Spiritual Practice-205

8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship-DFH

9:55 AM The Bridge Worship-DFH

11:00 AM Traditions Worship-DFH

6:30 PM Play'N' Share -Point of
Rocks

Park

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE

Sept 10

SERMON TITLE

Growing by Getting Small

Regular Worship Services Resume, Small Group Kick Off Sunday

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 10:19-25 NRSV



Whaley Pecans Annual Sale by the Ladies of Faith. Orders are being taken now. Harvesting will be late October with delivery in early November. *Register in the pew pad* or call Lorraine Young (804-748-6852) to order (\$12.00 per pound for halves or pieces). *Please make checks payable to Ladies of Faith.*

***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).

Stephen Ministry: Are you stressed? Discouraged? Feeling Down? You don't have to go through difficult times alone. These are hard times we are experiencing in this post Covid world...job loss, divorce, loss of a relationship, even feeling out of touch with God. There are no problems that are too small. So, don't keep it all inside and struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you with confidential, one-on-one, Christian care and support to help you get through a tough time. Our Stephen Ministers are here to care. To find out more about Stephen Ministry, please talk with Vince D'Agostino at 804-461-8529.



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.

Family Game Night: *Saturday, September 16, 6:00 PM*; There will be pizza, fun and games for the whole family. POC: Charlotte Brummette (charl208@yahoo.com, 804-833-1174)

Small Group Training: *Sunday, September 17; 12:15 PM*, Davis Fellowship Hall. All small group leaders are encouraged to attend. We will share a light lunch 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 in the Parlor after each worship service. 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)

Play 'N' Share: 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)

Latino Health and Safety: 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. Childcare provided. POC: Pastor Chad

KEEP IN PRAYER: family of Matt Coyner; Bill Burton; Jim Lewis; Leroy Millar; Ella Hilton; Erika Hilton; Lynn & Tom McHugh; Nathan Rutledge; family of Captain Jason Ware; family of Keith Harper; Louise Sheets; Peggy Meehan; E.J. Walters; Sue Matthews; Hailey Wilde; Becky Kirkman; Carol Davis; Nancy Corbin; Linda Willingham; Ruth DeVore; Rev. Eddie and Becky Leonard; Dee Watkins; Malcom & Dollie Stone; Lynda Richardson; Jo Kiser; Kitty Lipscomb; Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence August 27, 2023

Online.....36
Combined Worship 10:30 AM254
Total Worship Attendance.....290

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: Sunday, *September 24, 9:30-10:30AM, 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? 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)

Special thanks to Stacey Ferrer for setting up and organizing the Chesterfield County Fair volunteers. Many thanks to all the volunteers who donated their time to this community outreach and fund raiser for our church.

Leading Our Worship TODAY, September 3, 2023

Greeters:	Hunter & Martha Miles	*Head Usher
Ushers:	Beth Stewart*, Ron Dombrowski, Andrew Brummette, Steve & Joan Osborne	
Communion:	Harold Crowder, Claudia Nagy, Andy & Eileen Steck, Debbie Hubley, Paul Marretti	
Nursery:	Staff Members, Carla Adams, and Jessica Hargraves	

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. POC: 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.

Grace in the Midst of Trouble: Thursday, September 21-October 26, 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)

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 register your children 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

Homecoming Sunday: Sunday, October 8, 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. POC: Mary Musselwhite (804) 330-0014

Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, September 10, 2023

Greeters:	8:30 Laura Hougland	
	9:55 Donna Nunery	
	11:00 Sharon Buchanan, Linda Large	
Ushers:	8:30 Gordon Jones*, Bill Comer	* Head Usher
	9:55 Jim Watkins*, JR Irvin	
	11:00 Gordon Morris*, Harold Crowder, Larry Koon, Emory Large, Jeff Marlin	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:55, 11:00 Staff Members, Carla Adams, 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: Resumes September 10, 9:45 AM, Room 205; We will begin a video series entitled "Sacred Parenting. How Raising Children Shapes Our Souls". Please join us for a time of study and fellowship with other young families of the church.

POC: Brion & Sonja Seward and Andrew Brummette.

Journey Sunday School Class: *Resumes September 10*, 9:45 AM, Annex and Google Meet (<https://meet.google.com/ptm-pieh-vve>) Pastor Chad will be leading a three week study on the Book of Ruth. 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: *Resumes September 10*, 9:45 AM, Parlor; (*Exception-on Sept. 17 & Sept. 24- meet in the music suite*) 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: Resumes Sunday, September 17, 4:00 PM, Annex Loft; Meets on scheduled Sundays; for rising 6th through 12th grade. Join in study, missions, and fun! 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, 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 (lisaestanfield@gmail.com).

Thursday Morning Men's Group: Thursdays, 7:30 AM at Grants Coffee Co. (11884 Chester Village DR). POC: Gordon Morris gordo1545@aim.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, September 14, 2023, at 6:00 PM, Parlor.* A support group to explore how to work through grief and recover from divorce and other losses. 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)

"Strum and Smile" Small Group: *Saturday, 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! POC: Keith Woods (text: 804-332-2397)



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Need a Name Tag? Ordering envelopes are available in The Welcome Center. Or register in the pew pad. Cost, \$10/ nametag, (memo: nametag). Drop a labeled payment in the offering plate or office manager’s mailbox.

Maui Relief Donations: To make a financial contribution to the Maui relief efforts, please visit <https://umcmission.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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September 3, 2023

A Service of Worship and Praise
10:30 AM

14th Sunday
after Pentecost

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Prelude

Lord of the Dance

Pianist

* Call to Worship

Barbara MacIntyre

* Opening Prayer

* Hymn No. 61

Come, Thou Almighty King

* Affirmation of Faith No. 881

* Gloria Patri

Children's Message

Rev. Chad Beck

Hymn No. 174

His Name is Wonderful

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Exodus 3:1-15

NRSV

Sermon

"Are You Sure It's Me, God?"

Rev. Chad Beck

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer No. 895

Joshua Wortham

Why We Give

Offertory

Bless This House

Jackie Farley

* Doxology No. 95

Holy Communion

* Hymn

We Are Called

* Benediction

* Postlude

Pianist

* *Please stand as you are able.*

Communion Servers: This ministry is growing, and we'd love to include you! Youth and adult volunteers are invited to help the pastors serve communion. Training is provided as needed. Scheduling is based on your availability. POC: Beth Stewart -Text and indicate service time preference (919-210-2220 / bethstew@gmail.com).