



October 15, 2023, 9:55 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Unclouded Day
Blessed Be the Name
Amazing Grace/Peaceful, Easy Feeling
Soon and Very Soon

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
Joshua Wortham

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 21:1-8
NRSV

MESSAGE

A Heavenly Vision of God Living Among Us
Rev. Nathan Decker

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FRESH START SERVICE

October 15, 2023—8:30 AM



Please sign the teal attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor.

WORSHIP MUSIC

Majestic

All the People Said Amen

Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?

Build Your Kingdom Here

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A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

20th Sunday After
Pentecost

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Prelude

How Great Thou Art

Organist

* Call to Worship¹

Cynthia Corley

Leader: How wondrous! A new heaven and a new earth!

People: The old, bruised and angered, fearful and alienated, will pass away.

Leader: In its place God will offer new hope and peace.

People: God will dwell with God's people forevermore.

Leader: Worship the Lord who is about to do a new thing.

People: Praise God who establishes God's reign in the heart of God's people. Amen.

* Opening Prayer²

Alpha and Omega, you make your home with us, you dry our tears and quench our thirst, you are the tender love that welcomes all people. Like a mother, you nurture your children, giving them life, teaching them to love. Come and dwell among us, and make all things new. Amen.

* Hymn No. 110

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Holy Baptism

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Children's Message

Pastor Chad Beck

Why We Give

Offertory

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

Chancel Choir

* 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!

Pastoral Prayer & 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

Hymn No. 706

Soon and Very Soon

Scripture

Revelation 21:1-8

NRSV

Sermon

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Pastor Nathan Decker

Holy Communion

* Hymn No. 451

Be Thou My Vision

* Benediction

* Choral Amen

Chancel Choir

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

¹ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3775/worship-connection-may-15-2022>

² <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3774/worship-elements-may-15-2022>

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of my mother, Ruby Green, by Charles and Cheryl Green.

CALENDAR

October 15 – October 22, 2023

<p>Today 8:15 AM Nursery until 12 PM 8:30 AM Fresh Start Service-DFH 9:45 AM Sun Sch PreK-107 Sun Sch Gr K-5-206 Adult SS-Various 9:55 AM The Bridge-DFH 11:00 AM Traditions-Sanctuary 12:00 PM UMW Salad Lunch-DFH 5:30 PM Private Event-DFH Mon: 6:30 PM Boy/Cub Scouts Tues: 10:30 AM Joy Singers-Music Suite 3:00 PM Rest Stop-Annex 6:30 PM Crew-206 7:00 PM ESL Intro and Level 1 Leaning Spanish-220 Wed: 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline 5:45 PM Handbell Choir-Music Suite 6:30 PM Girl Scouts Service Unit-DFH 7:00 PM Chancel Choir-Music Suite Thurs: 1:00 PM Women’s Lunch-River’s Bend Grill 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor</p>	<p>Thurs.: 6:30 PM Grace/Midst of Trouble-213 7:00 PM ESL Intro and Level 1 Learning Spanish-220 Fri: 9:30 PM Feed More Dist.-Greenleigh Sat: 10:00 AM Strum & Smile-Music Suite 6:00 PM Family Game Night-DFH</p> <p>Next Sunday: October 22</p> <p>8:15 AM Nursery until 12 PM 8:30 AM Fresh Start-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Sun Sch PreK-107 Sun Sch Gr K-5-206 Adult SS-Various 9:55 AM The Bridge-Sanctuary 11:00 AM Traditions-Sanctuary 11:30 AM Children’s Christmas Play Practice-226 12:00 PM Finance Session-TBA 12:15 PM Fiber Friends-205 3:30 PM Youth Parent Mtg-Annex 4:00 PM MS/HS Youth-Annex</p>
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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
Oct. 22	Christ Gave So We Could Give	2 Corinthians 5:13-21 CEB
Oct. 29	Reformation Sunday	
*Nov. 5	Catching a Glimpse of Heaven on Earth	Revelation 7:9-17 NCV

** Indicates that we will celebrate Holy Communion*

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



Reminder: Regular church office hours are 8:30 AM–2:00 PM Monday–Thursday. If you need to visit the office after 2:00 PM, kindly schedule a visit in advance.

*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!*

We Celebrate the Holy Baptism of *Nathan Claude Rutledge* (born July 15, 2023), son of Amanda and Ethan Rutledge. Proud big sister is Caroline Grace (age 2). The maternal grandparents are Bruce and Anita Nugent. Paternal grandparents are Joanne and the late Bill Rutledge. Nathan's Godparents are Jennie Harris and Joshua Dean.

Our Assistant Parish Nurse, Pat Baake is available today, 9:00 AM, *Room 105*.

Salad Luncheon: *TODAY, Sunday, October 15 immediately following 11:00 AM worship.* All women of the church are invited to a luncheon meeting of the UMW. Lynn Crump will talk about CUMC's recent UMWIM mission trips to repair flood damage in Grundy in southwest Virginia. Bring a small donation to benefit the next UMWIM trip, a salad or dessert to share. The Jean Craig Fellowship will host. POC: Susan Petrey 938-5396.

Grace in the Midst of Trouble: *Thursdays through October 26, 6:30 PM, Room 213.* You are invited to join in a weekly 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)

Commitment Sunday: On October 22, we will celebrate Commitment Sunday. Please be in prayer and prepare to provide your first mile pledge for 2024.

Fiber Friends: Meets 4th Sundays at 12:15-1:45 PM; Room 205. We are knitters, crocheters, rug hookers, people who sew, macrame, embroider, and more! Friends and grandchildren are welcome. Bring a bag lunch and any treats you want to share. POC: Beth Powner (804-586-0735, knit9grammy@gmail.com.)

Saving Grace: Personal Finance Session, begins *Sunday, October 22 (for 6 weeks)*, following the 11:00 Worship Service, in Davis Fellowship Hall. Money is a big issue that affects most aspects of our lives. Do you manage your money or does your money manage you? "Saving Grace" is a study that will help you experience a sense of grace, peace and contentment about your finances. *Complimentary workbooks will be provided for those who pre-register (see pew pads).* POC: Bryon Wall (bryon.wall@bpretail.com)

Trunk or Treat: Saturday, October 28, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Chester Small Business Trunk or Treat at Three Leg Run, 4418 W Hundred Road. Decorate your car! All are invited! Sign up in the pew pad activity sheet. POC: Juliana Paradie (904) 386-4385.

KEEP IN PRAYER: family of John Alden (son of Beth Powner); family of Chuck Gallagher; Becky Lang; Phil Wallace; Baby Rosalee Dudley; Earl Andrews; Beth Johnson; The family of Judy Thomas; Amanda Clark; Marie Perdue; Bill Burton; family of Matt Coyner; Trudy Milian; Martha Schulman; Jim Lewis; Leroy Millar; Ella Hilton; Erika Hilton; Lynn & Tom McHugh; family of Keith Harper; Louise Sheets; Peggy Meehan; E.J. Walters; Hailey Wilde; Nancy Corbin; Rev. Eddie and Becky Leonard; Dee Watkins; Lynda Richardson; Malcom & Dollie Stone; Jo Kiser; Kitty Lipscomb; Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence October 8, 2023

8:30 Fresh Start Service 85
 9:55 The Bridge Service 123
 11:00 Traditions Service 166
 Online..... 40
Total Worship Attendance 414

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**.

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Leading Our Worship TODAY, Sunday, October 15, 2023

Greeters:	8:30 Maureen Coker
	9:55 Donna Nunery
	11:00 Barbara Dance and Janis Hargrave
Ushers:	8:30 Gordon Jones*, Ron Dombrowski * Head Usher
	9:55 Linda D’Agostino*, Andrew Brummette
	11:00 Gary Williams*, Marshall Henry, Larry Koon, Willie Orton, Kay Williams
Nursery:	8:30, 9:55, 11:00 Staff Members: Carla Adams and Jessica Hargraves

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, to learn more about UMW, our two participating fellowships, and how you can become involved.

- **Jean Craig Fellowship:** will meet Monday, November 6, 7:00 p.m. in room 205 to assemble CCHASM Thanksgiving Dinners. We welcome any women who are looking for an evening circle. Susan Petrey, 938-5396.
- **Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship:** will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 12. We welcome any women who are looking for a morning circle. Martha Miles 804/748-5476

Volunteer for ESL Childcare & Activities! Our ESL (English as a Second Language) ministry with children and families is growing! We need volunteers to assist with childcare, crafts, and nurture activities. Please sign up in the pew pad or contact Emily Squires, emilysquires945@gmail.com.

Living Waters District Charge Conference: Tuesday, October 24, 7:00 PM at CUMC. The Charge Conference directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the Church Council, reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, sets salaries for the pastor and staff, elects the members of the Church Council, and recommends candidates for ordained ministry.

Kroger Rewards: Thank you to all who linked their Kroger cards to Chester UMC! 112 households participated between June and August, and Chester UMC received a check for \$670.91! To link your Kroger card, visit <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>



Stephen Ministry: Stephen Ministers Are Care-Givers, God Is the Cure-Giver The role of our Stephen Ministers is to give care. They listen, empathize, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support on a weekly basis to hurting people for as long as the need persists. God works in and through them to bring hope and healing. If you are feeling lonely, experiencing a crisis, struggling through a difficult time, or simply stressed by everyday life, please call Vince D'Agostino at 804-461-8529 to learn more about Stephen Ministry. Vince D'Agostino at 804-461-8529.



Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, October 22, 2023

Greeters:	8:30 Andy & Eileen Steck	
	9:55 Cathy Epps	
	11:00 Tim & Beth Stewart	
Ushers:	8:30 Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer	* Head Usher
	9:55 Jim Watkins*, Diane Medina	
	11:00 Beth Stewart*, Joan & Steve Osborne, Tommy Petrey, Scott Pugh	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:55, 11:00 Staff Members: Carla Adams and Jessica Hargraves	

Christmas Shoebox Ministry Update: Thank you to everyone who has lovingly supported CUMC's shoe box ministry over the years. Your generosity has been overwhelming! This year, however, the shoe box ministry team and Missions committee have decided to take a different approach to facilitate establishing relationships with the recipients of your kindness and donations. As we did last year, CUMC will sponsor families that are not eligible for assistance through the Chesterfield/Colonial Heights Christmas Mother program. In addition, we will be assisting some families from our Sueños ministry with Latino children and families, including CUMC's ESL classes and Health & Safety gatherings. However, instead of having the families just pick up the donated gifts, we will host a time of fellowship with refreshments and gift-wrapping. Please watch for more information on this exciting outreach. POC: Jan Bryant

Chester UMC is proud to be a Bridge Church, welcoming those who wish to remain United Methodist after their church disaffiliates. We will be a safe place of support and opportunities for connection and discernment, without pressure to assimilate or join our congregation. For more information about Bridge Churches visit, <https://nextsteps.vaumc.org/bridge-churches/>

Rest Stop is a Chester UMC after school program designed to provide rest and encouragement to at-risk youth from Thomas Dale High School. Our regular activities include snacks, conversation, homework, tutoring, games, outdoor activities and dinner. Do you have a special gift to share with these young people or just an abundance of love to give? A small faithful team is assembled to support this ministry, but you are encouraged to join the effort! Contact REST STOP Team Leader Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396, for more information or to volunteer.

Backpack Ministry: Our Backpack Ministry is going strong! We are currently helping 45 children each weekend. How can you help? Food donations or cash donations are always appreciated! At Food Lion, they have Knorr sides for \$1 each when using your Food Lion valued customer card. Look on the back of the package and get the ones that have a serving size of 2.5. Donations can be placed in the Backpack bin in our Missions closet.

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Whaley Pecans Annual Sale by the Ladies of Faith. *TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER!* Harvesting will be late October with delivery in early November. Payment can be made in advance or when picking up pecans. Proceeds earned from the pecan sale are donated to the church. Past sales have helped fund HVAC and kitchen updates. *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.*

Lutheran Church of Our Saviour 24th Annual Craft Fair: *Saturday, October 21, 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM.* All items are made or donated by members of the congregation.

Play 'N' Share: *2nd & 4th Sunday, 4:30 PM, (October 22) Point of Rocks Park playground (201 Enon Church Road, Chester).* A fresh expression of church in which we go where people are gathering in our community. POC: Juliana Paradie (julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

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Turkey Pot Pie Dinner, Saturday, November 4, 6:00 p.m.—All Members of the Chester Community are invited to feast on Turkey Pot Pie and all the trimmings plus musical entertainment from The Greens & The Seals, local CUMC talent with beautiful harmonies. Proceeds will help support the mission projects of the United Methodist Women, including, but not limited to CUMC Food Pantry, Back Pack Ministries, Christmas Mother, Samaritan Fund, and Rest Stop. Tickets are available October 1, in the Welcome Center following each worship service. Tickets are required, \$15 per person, checks made payable to Chester UMW. Call the church office, 748-6006 or Susan Petrey, 938-5396.

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).

Sueños Health and Safety for Latino Families: 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 chadbeck@chesterumc.org

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

Children's Sunday School: 9:45 AM. Pre-K (Rm. 107); Grades K-5 (Rm. 206).

POC: Pastor Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

Middle and High School Youth Sunday School: 9:45 AM, Annex Loft;

POC: Pastor Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

Adult Small Group Bible Study: 9:45 AM, Room 213 "Our Pad" facilitated by Jeff Marlin

POC: Jeff Marlin (jeff.marlinabd@gmail.com)

Fresh Start Sunday School Class: 9:45 AM, Room 221; Visitors and new members are welcome.

Beginning October 22-Walk through the Bible's earliest source for the life of Jesus with scholar Amy-Jill Levine as she examines John the Baptizer, the Little Apocalypse, the Transfiguration, and several of Jesus' most notable stories and parables. POC: Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396

Friendship Ministry Class: 10:40 AM, Room 116, for adults who are cognitively challenged.

POC: Mari and Dan Hayes (JLMinNaples@msn.com)

The Gathering Small Group: 9:45 AM, Room 205; We will begin the video series entitled, "Sacred Parenting. How Raising Children Shapes Our Souls". Join us for a time of study and fellowship with other young families. POCs: Brion & Sonja Seward and Andrew Brummette.

Journey Sunday School Class: 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: 9:40 AM, Room 226. Oct.1 - Nov. 26, We will be using a new study book, *Spiritual Warfare*, by Jack Kuhatschek. Facing Temptation, The War Within, and Surviving Satan's Attacks. Deepen your understanding of supernatural struggles and find power and hope. POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

Senior Singles Sunday School Class: 9:45 AM, Parlor, POC: Cynthia Corley (cacorley@ctsi.net)

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Middle & High School Youth Meetings: 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)

OTHER SMALL GROUPS

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, Community Room at Chester Village Senior APTS (11701 Chester Village DR).

Joy Singers: *Tuesdays, 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.

Sueños: ESL (English as a Second Language): *Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 PM.* POC: Pastor Chad (chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

Chancel Choir rehearsals, *Wednesdays, 7:00 PM.* Singers of all skill levels are welcome to join! POC: Joshua Wortham

Handbell Choirs for adults are coming back! *Wednesdays at 10:30 AM and 5:45 PM.* Start date TBA. POC: Joshua Wortham

Thursday Morning Men's Group: *Thursdays, 7:30 AM* at Grants Coffee Co. (11884 Chester Village DR). POC: Gordon Morris (gordo1545@aim.com)

Women's Fellowship Luncheon: *3rd Thursdays, October 19, 1:00 PM* at River's Bend Grill, 13283 River's Bend Blvd). RSVP by Monday, October 16. POC: Joan Osborne (josbor61@gmail.com)

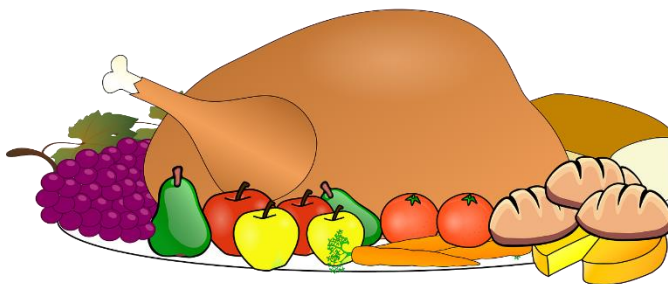
Prayer Shawl Group: *Thursdays, 1:30 PM,* Church Parlor or you can work on your project at home. All are invited to join us! We can provide yarn and will happily teach you how to knit or crochet. POCs: Beverly Trevillian (804-337-2367); Betty Stone (wva_lady@verizon.net/804-914-0433)

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. Our September book is *Break of Day* by Colleen Coble. <https://www.amazon.com/Break-Day-Annie-Pederson-Novel/dp/0785253785>
POC: Jennifer Brame (jrbrooksiee@gmail.com)

Strum and Smile: 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

Family Game Night: *Saturday, October 21, 6:00 PM;* There will be pizza, fun and games for the whole family. POC: Charlotte Brummette (Charl208@yahoo.com / 804-833-1174)

Bridge Builders-Jail Ministry "Acceptance is the Answer". Would you like to join us as we look to strengthen our Jail Ministry with the Chesterfield County HARP (Helping Addicts Recover Progressively) program? Bridges Builders meets on the second Sundays of each month., POC: Maureen Coker (mcoker2003@comcast.net)



THANKSGIVING MEAL GIFT PACKAGES: Chesterfield Colonial Heights Alliance for Social Ministry (CCHASM) Thanksgiving Meal Packages are distributed every year to the needy in our area who have preregistered with CCHASM. A \$20 gift card for perishable items (butter, fresh vegetables, turkey) is included in every package. (CCHASM purchases these at a discount.) **Please consider donating money** for the gift cards because these are always needed. (Checks payable to CUMC; Memo: CCHASM Thanksgiving.) CCHASM assisted over 3,000 Chesterfield County families last year!
Monetary donations and meal packages are due by SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

A COMPLETE MEAL GIFT PACKAGE INCLUDES

- 1 – 40 OZ. CAN of YAMS or SWEET POTATOES
- 1 – 13 OZ. BOX of MASHED POTATOES
- 1 – 14 OZ. CAN of CRANBERRY SAUCE
- 2 – 15 OZ. CANS of CORN
- 2 – 15 OZ. CANS of GREEN VEGETABLES
- 2 – BAGS or BOXES of “Stove Top” ® Stuffing Mix
- 2 – CANS or PACKAGES of GRAVY (*no glass jars*)
- 1 – BOX of HOT CHOCOLATE MIX
- 1 – BOX of TEA BAGS or 1 JAR of ICED TEA MIX
- 1 – Large BOX or BAG of COOKIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

- ✓ CCHASM cannot give out expired food.
- ✓ All items must be in their original, unopened, saleable package.
- ✓ If possible, place in doubled paper bags with handles or canvas grocery bags.

Sort and Distribute CCHASM Thanksgiving Meals: Contact CCHASM (www.cchasm.org/volunteer) to volunteer to sort meal bags November 13-November 17, and/or distribute meal bags at the Chesterfield County Fair Grounds on November 18.



Feed More Volunteers Needed: Friday, October 20, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Greenleigh Community Center. Sign up today to help distribute food to our neighbors!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44ACAF2CAAF5C16-44624178-feed#/>

Learning Spanish as Church Hospitality! *Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 PM, Room 220.* Have fun learning to speak some basic Spanish while sharing faith and church hospitality with Latino children and families. Sponsored by Sueños. POC: Pastor Chad (chadbeck@chesterumc.org) and Vince D'Agostino (vdagos@comcast.net).

Thank You Cards for Veterans: Veteran's Day is November 11! Let's show our Veterans at McGuire Hospital how much we appreciate them and all that they sacrificed. Please consider writing thank you cards. Deliver the unsealed cards to the labeled bin in the sharing bin outside the Welcome Center or place them in the Missions Closet in the church by Sunday, November 5. Adults and children are encouraged to participate. Please, only sign your first name. POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com).

A Special "Thank You!" to all who helped make our CUMC 150th Anniversary Homecoming a great success! So many of you helped set-up and take down tables/chairs, worked in the kitchen to arrange the food and beverage that was brought by our members and guests, and welcomed many "new faces" to each service and our luncheon. Also, Betty Stone for manning the Notecard/History Book table and set-up of scrapbooks and memorabilia and Daphne Curtis who worked with Betty to make the memorabilia selected and scrapbooks available to our guests and members to view! For those of you who may have missed this opportunity, the memorabilia has been returned to the Narthex and can be viewed in the Display Cabinet. Blessings to each of you for your time and contributions. ~Mary Musselwhite