

November 26, 2023 - 9:45 AM

#### WORSHIP MUSIC

I Saw the Light Blessed Be Your Name How Great Is Our God Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

**SCRIPTURE** 1 Corinthians 12:27-31 RGT SPECIAL MUSIC

Breath of Heaven Cheryl & Kelsey Green

MESSAGE "I Believe in the Holy catholic Church" Pastor Nathan Decker

Having trouble seeing the screen? Just ask an usher for a copy of today's large print song lyrics.

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### FRESH START SERVICE

November 26, 2023—8:30 AM



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

#### WORSHIP MUSIC

Glory to God Forever Blessed Be Your Name How Great Is Our God We Believe

SPECIAL MUSIC

Chris Daniels

#### SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:27-31 RGT

#### MESSAGE

"I Believe in the Holy catholic Church" Pastor Nathan Decker

Having trouble seeing the screen? Just ask an usher for a copy of today's large print song lyric

November 26, 2023	A Service of Worship and Praise	Christ is King
	11:00 AM	Sunday

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

#### Prelude

Charles Green, pianist

*	Call to W	orship <sup>1</sup>			
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Leader:	Our God - Father and Preserver - You have watched over us during the past night,
People:	Let all we think, say, or do be about serving You.
Leader:	You are giving light to this world for Your heavenly purposes like the rays of the
	sun,
People:	Enlighten our minds by Your Spirit, guide us in the way of Your
	righteousness.
Leader:	Let us not attempt anything whatsoever that is not pleasing to You.
People:	Add daily more and more to the gifts of Your grace until we reflect Your Son,
	Jesus Christ, shining as the true Sun, constantly in our minds.
Leader:	Grant that we may hear Your voice in the morning since our hope is in You.
People:	Show us the way in which we should walk, since we have lifted up our souls
	unto You.
Leader:	Deliver us from our enemies, O Lord, we have fled unto You.
<b>People:</b>	Teach us to do Your will, for You are our God,

- Leader: and let Your good Spirit conduct us to the land of light.
- \* Opening Prayer<sup>2</sup>

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

\* Hymn No. 131

We Gather Together

- \* Affirmation of Faith No. 881
- \* Gloria Patri No. 70

Glory be to the father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Anthem

We Believe

Chancel Choir

	Why We Give		
	Offertory	Breath of Heaven	Kelsey & Cheryl Green
*	Alleluia! Alleluia! Pr	om all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures aise God, the source of all our gifts! whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spi leluia!	
	Thy kingdom come, Give us this day our And forgive us our t And lead us not into	t in heaven, hallowed be thy name. thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.	0
	Children's Message		Juliana Paradie
	Hymn No. 393	Spirit of the Living God	
	Scripture	1 Corinthians 12:27-31	RGT
	Sermon	"I Believe in the Holy catholic Church"	Pastor Nathan Decker
*	Hymn No. 102	Now Thank We All Our God	
*	Benediction		
*	Choral Amen		Chancel Choir

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

 $^{\rm l}$  Call to Worship by John Calvin, Adapted by Nathan Decker  $^{\rm 2}$  UMH #481 Prayer of St. Fr

CALENDAR November 26 – December 3, 2023

Today		Nursery until 12 PM Fresh Start Service-DFH	Fri:	6:30PM	Suenos Health & Safety For Latino Families-DFH
		Sun Sch PreK-107	Sat:	10:00 AM	Strum & Smile-Music Suite
	<i>y</i> . 10 1 1101	Sun Sch Gr K-5- 204/206	Sun	5:00 PM	Girl Scout Troop 925-DFH
		Adult SS-Various			1
	9:45 AM	The Bridge-Sanctuary	Next	Sunday: De	cember 3
1	1:00 AM	Traditions-Sanctuary		8:15 AM	Nursery until 12 PM
1	1:30 AM	Children's Practice-226		8:30 AM	Fresh Start- DFH
Mon:	9:00 AM	Stephen Leaders-116		9:45 AM	Sun Sch PreK-107
	6:30 PM	Boy/Cub Scouts			Sun Sch Gr K-5-206
Tues: 1	11:00 AM	Contemplative Prayer-			Adult SS-Various
		Trinity UMC		9:45 AM	The Bridge-Sanctuary
	3:00 PM	Rest Stop-Annex		11:00 AM	Traditions-Sanctuary
Wed:	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline		11:30 AM	Children Play Practice-226
	5:45 PM	Handbell Choir-Music Suite		12:00 PM	Key Club Board-116
	6:30 PM	Crew–206		3:00 PM	Gift Wrap Party- DFH
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir-Sanctuary		4:00 PM	Youth Christmas Caroling-
Thurs:	1:30 PM	Prayer Shawl-Parlor			Dunlop House
	7:00 PM	ESL Team Meeting-226			

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<b>DATE</b>	SERMON TITLE
Dec. 3	Welcoming the Wonderful
Dec. 10	Christmas Cantata

#### **SCRIPTURE**

Isaiah 9:2-7 NRSV

<u>Thank you Chester UMC</u>: We had a very successful Missions Sunday, with 5 groups completing missions in service to our community. Chester UMC donated **50** bags of food and **\$5247.34** cash for the CCHASM Thanksgiving meal drive! Because of your generosity, our neighbors in need will enjoy a Thanksgiving meal.

**<u>Reminder</u>**: Regular church office hours are 8:30 AM–2:00 PM Monday–Thursday. If you need to visit the office after 2:00 PM, please schedule a visit in advance. Thank you!

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, 9:00 AM, Room 105.

<u>Children's Christmas Play Practice:</u> Today, after the children's message at the 11 AM service, Room 226. Light snack provided. Any questions or if you are interested in helping or being in the play. POC Juliana Paradie (904) 386-4385 / (julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

**Youth Group Reminder**: There will be NO Youth group today, Sunday, November 26. Please enjoy your time with your family and friends. POC: Juliana Paradie (904) 386-4385

<u>**Giving Tuesday</u>**: Tuesday, November 28 is Giving Tuesday! On this day, people around the world will perform acts of generosity from helping a neighbor, to sending thank you or thinking of you messages, volunteering with a non-profit, etc. We encourage you to find your special way to participate. If your celebrations include making a financial donation, a second mile donation can be made to CUMC by visiting our website or by dropping it off at the Church Office.</u>

<u>Sueños Health & Safety for Latino Families:</u> Friday, December 1, 6:30 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. (Meets first Fridays) Variety of topics, good food, and free childcare provided. POC: Pastor Chad <u>chadbeck@chesterumc.org</u>

<u>Gift Wrapping Party:</u> Sunday, December 3, 3:00 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. All are welcome! There will be fellowship, refreshments, and lots of gift-wrapping! Sign-up to volunteer at <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44ACAF2CAAF5C16-45241406-christmas#/</u> POC: Contact Jan Bryant at 804-241-3583 / janbbryant00@gmail.com (text or email preferred).

<u>Youth Christmas Caroling:</u> Sunday, December 3, 4:00 PM, Dunlop House. Meet at the church Welcome Center at 3:15 to leave by 3:30. Please RSVP to Juliana Paradie POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

<u>Women's Fellowship Luncheon</u>: Thursday, December 7, 1:00 PM. In celebration of Christmas, we will go to Nick's Roman Terrace (8051 W. Broad Street, Henrico). We will carpool from the church. Anyone who would like to ride together should meet in the church parking lot at noon. POC: Joan Osborne josbor61@gmail.com

<u>Christmas Concert</u>: Sunday, December 10, 8:30 and 11:00 AM; Monday, December 11, and Tuesday, December 12, at 7:00 PM. The Chancel Choir presents "Joy Has Dawned" featuring our 60 voice choir accompanied by chamber orchestra. Join us in singing the songs of the season! A free-will offering will be received to support our music ministry.

**KEEP IN PRAYER**: Family of Al Perdue; Diane Mannetta; Joyce Freed; Susie Hall; Jean Beck; family of Joe Spadaccia; family of Gregory Geisz; George Sims; Billy Hopson; Carolyn Maxwell; Becky York; Frayser Micou; family of Rev. James Thornton, Sr.; family of John Alden (son of Beth Powner); 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; Nancy Corbin; Rev. Eddie and Becky Leonard; Dee Watkins; Lynda Richardson; Malcom & Dollie Stone; Jo Kiser; Kitty Lipscomb; Clara Gestwick.

#### **Our Presence November 1, 2023**

11:00 Missions Sunday Service	
Online	
Total Worship Attendance	173

#### **CHESTER UMC ONLINE RESOURCES**

- Website: <u>www.chesterumc.org.</u>
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ChesterUnitedMethodistChurch/.
- Facebook Closed Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChesterUMC/.
- Daily Email News: Visit <u>http://eepurl.com/blV9Tv</u> to subscribe.
- Daily Devotionals from Pastor Nathan: <u>https://www.facebook.com/BetterTogether.Devos/</u>.
- YouTube: <u>https://www.youtube.com/c/ChesterUMC.</u>
- **Prayer Chain Email:** to subscribe or to submit a prayer request, email Michelle at <u>office@chesterumc.org</u> with "Prayer Chain" or "Prayer Request" in the subject line.
- CUMC Library Catalog: <u>https://16538.rmwebopac.com</u> (password: CUMC). Search for titles, peruse our inventory, and much more. POC: Ron Dombrowski (<u>rmachachi@aol.com</u>).
- The Chimes Submit items to <u>assistant@chesterumc.org</u> no later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of **January**, March, May, July, September, and November.

<u>Congratulations</u> to CUMC's own Kathy Fox who was selected to serve as the Chesterfield/Colonial Heights 2023 Christmas Mother! For over 50 years, this organization has served families in Chesterfield and Colonial Heights. This year they are assisting over 1300 children, youth, and seniors in need.

	Lea	<u>ding Our Worship TODAY, Sunday, November 26, 2023</u>
Greeters:	8:30	Andy & Eileen Steck
	9:45	Cathy Epps
	11:00	Steve & Joan Osborne
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones*, Ron Dombrowski * Head Usher
	9:45	Gordon Jones*, Diane Medina
	11:00	Gary Williams*, Dean Hutchins, Emory Large, Joan Osborne, Steve Osborne
Nursery:	8:30, 9	<b>9:45, 11:00</b> Staff Members: Carla Adams, Jessica Hargraves
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**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: We welcome any women who are looking for an evening circle. Meets December 4, 7:00 PM, Room 205. POC: Susan Petrey, 938-5396.
- Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship: We welcome any women who are looking for a morning circle. Meets December 14, 10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall. POC: Martha Miles 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, <u>emilysquires945@gmail.com</u>.

**<u>Rest Stop</u>** is a Chester UMC after-school program designed to provide rest and encouragement to at-risk youth from Thomas DaleHigh School. Our regular activities include snacks, conversation, homework, tutoring, games, outdoor activities, and dinner. We feed the kids dinner before we take them home. If you are willing to provide a light supper for 12-14 people (hotdogs, sloppy joes, pizza, spaghetti, etc.) call Susan for details. 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, and you are encouraged to join the effort. Make checks payable to CUMC, memo: Rest Stop, to help cover our expenses including gas. To volunteer or for more information contact Rest Stop Team Leader, Susan Petrey, (804) 938-5396.

**Backpack Ministry**: Our backpack ministry is growing. We are currently sending weekend food home to 50 children! Can you help us with donations of tuna helper and chicken helper? If you don't have time to shop, cash donations are always welcome! With your help, the children in our area will have food to eat each day. Donations can be placed in the Backpack bin in our Missions closet. POC: Karen Comer (804) 786-2919

	L	eading Our Worship Next Sunday, December 3, 2023
Greeters:	8:30	Karen Comer
	9:45	Donna Nunery
	11:00	Tim & Beth Stewart
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones*, Bill Comer * Head Usher
	9:45	Jim Watkins*, Pat Stanfield
	11:00	William*, Harold Crowder, Dean Hutchins, Willie Orton, Scott Pugh
<b>Communion:</b>	8:30	Sandy Sims, Sherie Orton
	9:45	Sandra Dishman, Debbie Hubley/ Paul Marretti
	11:00	Penn Shultz, Joan Osborne
Nursery:	8:30, 9	<b>9:45, 11:00</b> Staff Members: Carla Adams, Jessica Hargraves

**Stephen Ministry:** Sometimes It's Hard to Ask for Help! We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. And of course, it is confidential. For more information, please call our Referral Coordinator, Vince D'Agostino at 804-461-8529.



<u>Chester UMC is proud to be a Bridge Church</u>, 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, <u>https://nextsteps.vaumc.org/bridge-churches/</u>.

<u>Christmas Cards for Veterans</u>: As you write your Christmas cards, would you please sign one or two for a veteran at Richmond VA Affairs Medical Center? (formerly McGuire VA Hospital) Let's raise their spirits by writing a note inside thanking him/her for their service to our country or "We'll never forget", or that you'll pray for them and hope they feel better. Put your cards in the labeled box in the outdoor Share Bin located outside the Welcome Center, or inside in the Mission Closet by *Sunday, Dec. 17*. Please address them to "A Special Veteran" or "Especially for You" or "To Someone Special", etc. Only sign your first name. Do not seal the envelopes. POC: Barbara MacIntyre telluwhatbarbara@aim.com

**Back By Popular Demand**: Rev. Dr. Marg Kutz will lead a 3 session Bible study in December. Men and women are invited. There is no study book, except the Bible, and no homework. We will consider two primary characters in the Christmas story: Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist, as told by Luke. Mary, mother of Jesus, as told by Matthew and Luke with particular emphasis on the virgin birth. Two formats: If you can't make the Monday morning 60 minute inperson sessions then zoom in on Sunday nights for 30 minutes. If you can't make all three sessions, participate as you are able. Sign up in the Pew Pad, today! Sundays, December 3, 10, and 17 from 6:30-7:00 PM via zoom Mondays, December 4, 11, and 18 from 9:30 to 10:30 am in person, Room 226.

Happy Birthday Jesus- Preschool Party: Saturday December 16, 10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall. Preschoolers, please join us for the Happy Birthday Jesus Party to celebrate Jesus' birth. Games, activities, video, snacks, and of course a birthday cake! All preschoolers, from birth to Pre-K and siblings are welcome. Parents will stay to assist their children. POC: Jackie Farley j.farley312@comcast.net

<u>Whaley Pecans Are Here!</u> If you ordered pecans, they are available for pick up in the Church office Monday-Thursday, 8:30 AM- 2:00 PM. Make checks payable to: Ladies of Faith POC: Lorraine Young <u>youngppw@aol.com</u>

<u>Altar Flowers for the Sanctuary:</u> To donate Altar flowers, please sign up on the flower chart outside the Church Office and complete an Altar Flower Form. Available dates include January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25. *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 <u>free delivery</u> 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.

<u>Cookies Needed</u>! The UM Women and other members of the congregation are asking you to donate homemade cookies for the UMW Christmas Cookie Sale. Call or email Katey McCarney, (804) 402-0084 or <u>ks.petrey@gmail.com</u>, leave your name, phone number, how many dozen and what kind of cookie you will prepare. Cookies should be delivered to the church kitchen on *Saturday, December 9, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM*.

<u>Christmas Cookie Sale:</u> *Sunday, December 10*, the UMW will be selling homemade Christmas cookies by the tin in the Fellowship Hall following both worship services. Proceeds will go to support our gifts to missions local, national, and international, including, but not limited to, our CUMC food pantry and backpack ministries, United Methodist Family Services, and the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Sign up in the pew register with your name, phone number, whether you'd like a \$5, \$10 or \$20 tin, and whether you have any food restrictions (gluten, peanuts, etc.). How it works--You come to the Fellowship Hall, select your tin, go down the row and select your choice of cookies to fill the tin. These are not prefilled tins unless you call and specifically request prefilled. All orders due no later than Sunday, December 3. POC: Katey McCarney, (804) 402-0084.

<u>Chester UMC Rose Window Notecards</u>: The Rose Window was dedicated in 1957, it was installed in the Atrium following the 2007 renovation, and now you can share our Rose Window with friends and relatives! A Wonderful Stocking Stuffer! The notecards will be sold weekdays in the church office. The cost is \$10 per package of 10 cards, plus envelopes. Proceeds will benefit the Chester United Methodist Women's mission projects including, but not limited to, our CUMC Food Pantry, Back Pack Ministry and Rest Stop. POC: Susan Petrey (804) 938-5396.

<u>CUMC Christmas Sharing Tree:</u> CUMC has collaborated with Chesterfield Mental Health Support Services for more than 11 years to provide Christmas cheer to roughly 100 adults who are developmentally challenged. Gift tags are available on the tree in the Welcome Center for those who do not have internet access. Use this link to select an individual to adopt. <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49ADA82FA7FE3-46217606-holidayay</u> Please place your wrapped gifts under the tree by *Sunday, December 17*. Be sure to label the gift(s) with the ID # on the tag(s) you choose. The ID # is essential to identify the gift recipient.

#### SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

<u>Children's Sunday School, KIDZ ZONE</u>: 9:45 AM. Pre-K (Rm. 107); Grades K-5 (Rm. 206) Come join our Kidz Zone Ministry. POC: Juliana Paradie (julianaparadie@chesterumc.org).

<u>Adult Small Group Bible Study:</u> 9:45 AM, Room 213 "Our Pad" facilitated by Jeff Marlin jeff.marlinabd@gmail.com.

<u>Fresh Start Sunday School Class:</u> 9:45 AM, Room 221; Visitors and new members are welcome. Call Susan Petrey for details (804) 938-5396.

- November 26, 6:00 PM, gathering at the Petreys' home for dinner together and to wrap Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Christmas Family presents.
- December 3, Experiencing Christmas: Christ in the Sights and Sounds of Advent by Rev. Matt Rawle. What signs do you see during the Advent and Christmas season that point you to the divine.

<u>Friendship Ministry Class:</u> 10:40 AM, Room 116, for adults who are developmentally challenged. POC: Mari and Dan Hayes (<u>JLMinNaples@msn.com</u>)

<u>The Gathering Small Group:</u> 9:45 AM, Room 205; Join with other young families for a time of study and fellowship. POC: Brion & Sonja Seward <u>lbseward@comcast.net</u>, and Andrew Brummette.

Journey Sunday School Class: 9:45 AM, Annex and Google Meet, *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*. Join by video link: <u>https://meet.google.com/ptm-pieh-vve</u> POCs: Carolyn Landis (<u>landisfamily05@gmail.com</u>); Eric Hougland (<u>ehougland88@gmail.com</u>)

Seekers Sunday School Class: 9:40 AM, Room 226. Dec. 3-31. Join us as we examine Christmas through the eyes of Joseph with Adam Hamilton's book and DVD, *FAITHFUL*. The story of Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God even when we do not understand and faithfully moving forward in the strength God provides. POC: Barbara MacIntyre (telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

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

**Bridge Builders-**Jail Ministry: Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, 12:15PM, Room 116. "Acceptance is the Answer". Please join us as we look to strengthen our Jail Ministry with Chesterfield County HARP (Helping Addicts Recover Progressively Program). POC: Maureen Coker (mcoker2003@comcast.net)

<u>Middle & High School Youth</u>: 4:00 PM, Annex Loft. Come out for some fun and hear an amazing lesson that is being taught by one of our incredible leaders. Grades 6-12. POC: Juliana Paradie (julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

#### **OTHER SMALL GROUPS**

Faith Keepers Women's Prayer Group: Mondays, 9:00 AM at Grants Coffee Co. (11884 Chester Village DR). POC: Sherri Morris smorris787@aim.com

<u>Village People Study, Socialize, & Service Group:</u> 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. <u>music@chesterumc.org</u>

<u>Contemplative Prayer Group</u>: *Tuesdays*, 11:00 AM, Trinity UMC. Read scripture, focus, pray, chat, connect with God. POC: Lisa Stanfield: <u>lisajostanfield@gmail.com</u>

Learning Spanish as Church Hospitality! Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 PM. Next class begins January 9, 2024. Have fun learning to speak some basic Spanish. POC: Pastor Chad <u>chadbeck@chesterumc.org</u>

<u>Chancel Choir</u> rehearsals, Wednesdays, 7:00 PM. Singers of all skill levels are welcome to join! POC: Joshua Wortham <u>music@chesterumc.org</u>

Handbells for adults are back! Wednesdays at 5:45 PM, Sanctuary, POC: Joshua Wortham

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

<u>Women's Fellowship Luncheon:</u> We visit a different local restaurant each month for a time of fellowship and good food. POC: Joan Osborne (josbor61@gmail.com)

**<u>Prayer Shawl Group:</u>** 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 (<u>wva\_lady@verizon.net/804-914-0433</u>)

<u>Women's Christian Book Club</u>: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 6:30 PM, Annex Loft. November book link <u>https://a.co/d/jeHyle4</u>. December book link <u>https://a.co/d/dZXKcLi</u>. POC: Jennifer Brame (<u>jrbrooksieee@gmail.com</u>)

<u>Sueños Health & Safety for Latino Families:</u> first Fridays, 6:30 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. Variety of topics, good food, childcare provided. POC: Pastor Chad <u>chadbeck@chesterumc.org</u>

<u>Strum and Smile</u>: Meet Saturday mornings, 10:00 AM, Music Suite. This is a group of guys and gals who play stringed instruments with no intention of performing. POC: Keith Woods

<u>Family Game Night:</u> Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 6:00 PM, There will be pizza, fun and games for the whole family. POC: Charlotte Brummette <u>Charl208@yahoo.com</u> (804-833-117

# ADOPT A FAMILY (or CHILD) FOR CHRISTMAS!!

In an effort to share the Good News about Jesus through your generous donations, we are going to take a new approach to sponsoring families for Christmas this year. We will be assisting 13 families (with over 40 children total) that participate in CUMC's ESL classes, and our Sueños ministry. However, instead of just having the families pick up their wrapped gifts, we will be hosting a giftwrapping party for the sponsored families on *Sunday, Dec. 3 from 3-5 pm*. There will be fellowship, refreshments, and lots of gift-wrapping!

# HOW CAN YOU BE A PART OF THIS MINISTRY? Please prayerfully consider:

- Adopting a child
- Having your small group adopt a family
- Purchasing individual gifts for a child

• Volunteering at the gift-wrapping event. Sign-up at <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44ACAF2CAAF5C16-45241406-christmas#/">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44ACAF2CAAF5C16-45241406-christmas#/</a>

• Praying for this ministry and for the families and children daily

POC: Contact Jan Bryant at 804-241-3583 / janbbryant00@gmail.com (text or email preferred).



## POINSETTIA & WREATH ORDER FORM 7-inch pots of Red Poinsettias (\$20.00 each) Fresh Wreaths (\$40.00 each)

Fresh Poinsettias will adorn our church from Sunday, December 10, through Christmas Eve. We will also hang fresh wreaths on the Sanctuary windows. Please order wreaths to donate to the church.

All orders are due by Monday, December 4.

Name	Cell Phone			
E-Mail				
My Order:	(Qty.) Red Poinsettia(s) at \$20.00 each	\$		
	(Qty.) Fresh Wreath(s) at \$40.00 each	\$		
	TOTAL	\$		
Please include pav	ment with your order			

# \* Please include payment with your order. (Checks payable to CUMC; Memo: Poinsettias/Wreaths)

I would like my Poinsettia/Wreath Dedication(s) to read (circle honor or memory):

In Honor/Memory of
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