

BRIGHTEST AND BEST OF THE STARS

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our darkness and come to our aid; star of the east, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid. What shall we give in devotion? Shall we bring incense and offerings divine, gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean, myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine, myrrh or gold from the mine? What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping, whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come peasant, king to own him, the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby. Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary. Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, guide where our Redeemer is laid.

JOY HAS DAWNED

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation; God's salvation now unfurled, hope for every nation. Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory, but a humble gift of love: Jesus born of Mary. Sounds of wonder fill the sky with the songs of angels as the mighty Prince of Life shelters in a stable. Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in darkness, cling now to a mother's breast vulnerable and helpless. Come to Bethlehem, and see Him who birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria,

in excelsis Deo! Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory; gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the story. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Sing gloria in excelsis Deo!

JESUS CHRIST IS BORN!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today; ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today! Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this; he has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this! Joy has dawned! The angels are singing. Christ is born this holy night. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Welcome the Child, the King forever. Hope has come tonight in Bethlehem. Go worship the newborn King! Born to reign in us forever, born to set his people free; dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart. Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere; go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere; go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born. The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere; go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born. Joy has dawned, hear the angels' song that Jesus Christ is born! Christ is born! Jesus Christ is born!

Joy Has Dawned

A Christmas Musical
Composed & Arranged by

Lloyd Larson

Presented by the Chester United Methodist Church Chancel Choir

Sunday, December 10, at 8:30 and 11:00 AM

Monday, December 11, at 7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 12, at 7:00 PM

Joshua Wortham, director
Cynthia Corley, narrator
Rick Poole, narrator
Charles Green, piano
Gary Williams, drums
Jack Price, trumpet
James Hargraves, sound
Joan Osborne, lyric slides
Elijah Decker, video
Mark Ferrer, video

Ricky Watkins, video
Sage Wright, violin
Chris Johnston, violin
Brenda Johnson, viola
Ned Haskins, cello
Heidi Thurmond, flute
Ben Grondahl, clarinet
Daniel Edwards, oboe
Gretchen Georgas, horn

JOY HAS DAWNED

How Great Our Joy

Joy in the Morning
with Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Mary Had a Baby
Rachel Dishman & Joel Furtick, soloists

Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven
with Away in a Manger
Cheryl Green & Tom McHugh, soloists

Brightest and Best of the Stars

Joy Has Dawned
with Angels We Have Heard On High
Keith Mottley & Laura Morris, soloists

Jesus Christ Is Born!

HOW GREAT OUR JOY!

Joy to the world! The Lord has come! While
by the sheep we watched at night, glad tidings
brought an angel bright. How great our joy!
Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on
high! There shall be born, so he did say, in
Bethlehem a child today. How great our joy!
Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on
high! How great our joy! How great our joy,
joy, joy! How great our joy. How great our
repeat, repeat the sounding joy! Joy to the
world! Joy to the world! The Lord has come,
Lord has come!

joy, our joy! The gift of God we'll cherish
well, that ev'ry joy our hearts shall fill. How
great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord
in heav'n, on high! Joy to the world! the Lord
is come; let earth receive her King; let ev'ry
heart prepare him room, and heav'n and
nature sing. How great our joy! How great our
joy! Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns; let all
their songs employ; while fields and floods,
rocks hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,

JOY IN THE MORNING

Joy, there'll be joy, there'll be joy, joy, joy, joy, joy. There'll be joy, there'll be joy in the morning. There'll be joy in the morning on that day. There'll be joy, there'll be joy on that day, with the light of dawn, the dark is gone, there'll be joy. And the glory, glory, glory of the Lord will shine. And the glory, glory, glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. There'll be joy. There'll be joy in the morning, there'll be joy on that day, with the bright dawn, night gone, there'll be joy! Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward to the triumph song of life. And the glory of the Lord will shine. And the glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine. There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere, there'll be love, there'll be love everywhere, and the way of the Lord will be restored. There'll be love and forgiveness, there'll be peace and contentment. There'll be joy, joy, joy, joy, joy!

MARY HAD A BABY

Mary had a baby, my Lord; What did she name him, my Lord? She named him King Jesus, my Lord. Where was he born, my Lord? Born in a manger, O my Lord. O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord. Mary had a baby, my Lord. He is Christ the Lord, Jesus Christ the Lord.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO!

Joy has dawned! The angels are singing. Christ is born this holy night. Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Welcome the child, the King forever. Hope has come tonight in Bethlehem. Go, worship the newborn King! Joy has dawned! The heavens are ringing. Christ is born in a humble stall. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Find the Child lying in a manger. Peace has come tonight in Bethlehem. Go, worship the newborn King! Born to reign in us forever, born to set his people free; dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart, longing heart. Joy has dawned! The shepherds are bringing gifts of love, adoration and praise. Gloria in excelsis Deo! This is the Child that God had promised. Love has come to night in Bethlehem. Go, worship the newborn King! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

JESUS, JOY OF THE HIGHEST HEAVEN

Jesus, joy of the highest heaven, born as a little baby under a wondrous star. Like us, crying he takes his first breath, held by his mother, helpless, close to her beating heart. Jesus, laid in a lowly manger, facing a world of dangers, come to turn me, a stranger, into a child of God. O Jesus, King of the highest heaven, learning to take his first steps that he might bring us life. Like us, knowing our smiles and sorrows, he showed the way to follow a way that is true and right. Jesus, take away every darkness, steady my simple footsteps that I might, in Your goodness, live as a child of God. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay. Jesus, joy of the highest heaven, born as a little baby under a wondrous star.

Calendar

December 10 – December 17, 2023

Today	8:15 AM	Nursery until 12 PM	Thurs:	10:30 AM	Ada Mae Bookman-DFH
	8:30 AM	Cantata- Sanctuary		1:30 PM	Prayer Shawl-Parlor
	9:45 AM	Sun Sch PreK-107		7:00 PM	Church Council- 226
		Sun Sch Gr K-5- 204/206	Fri:		
		Adult SS-Various	Sat:	10:00 AM	Strum & Smile-Music Suite
	9:45 AM	No Worship Service		10:30 AM	PreK/ Sunday School Happy
	11:00 AM	Christmas Cantata-Sanctuary		6:00 PM	Birthday Jesus Party-DFH
	4:00 PM	Youth Group- Annex			Young Families
	6:30 PM	Advent Bible Study- zoom			Christmas Party- DFH
Mon:	9:30 AM	Advent Bible Study-226	Next Sunday:	December 17	
	6:30 PM	Boy/Cub Scouts		8:15 AM	Nursery until 12 PM
	7:00 PM	Christmas Cantata-Sanctuary		8:30 AM	Fresh Start-Sanctuary
Tues:	11:00 AM	Contemplative Prayer- Trinity UMC		9:45 AM	The Bridge-Sanctuary
	3:00 PM	Rest Stop-Annex			Sun Sch PreK-107
	5:00 PM	Woodmen-DFH			Sun Sch Gr K-5-206
	6:30 PM	Lions Club-116			Adult SS-Various
	7:00 PM	Christmas Cantata-Sanctuary		11:00 AM	Traditions-Sanctuary
Wed:	12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline		11:30 AM	Children Play Practice-226
	5:00 PM	Girl Scout -DFH		4:00 PM	Blue Christmas- Sanctuary
	5:45 PM	Handbell Choir-Music Suite			Youth Group Party- Annex
	6:30 PM	Crew-206		6:30 PM	Advent Bible Study-Zoom

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
Dec. 17	8:30 AM & 11:00 AM Welcoming the Challenge of the Christ Child	Luke 1:46-55 NRSV
	9:45 AM The Miraculous Birth of Jesus	Matthew 1:18-25
	4:00 PM Remebrance and New Life After Loss Blue Christmas Service	Isaiah 7:10-16 ESV

December 10, 2023

A Service of Worship and Praise
8:30 & 11:00 AM

Second Sunday in
Advent

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Prelude

Sing We Now of Christmas

Jack Price, trumpet

* Lighting the Advent Wreath¹

Kris Spadaccia (8:30)

Janie & Hank Zimon (11:00)

* Hymn No. 240

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

* 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.**

Special Music

Jingle Bells

Children's Ministry

Why We Give

Offertory

We Three Kings

String Ensemble

* 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

Sermon in Song

Joy Has Dawned

Chancel Choir

* Benediction

* Choral Amen

Chancel Choir

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

¹<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/advent-candle-lighting-liturgy-2022>

KEEP IN PRAYER: Gail King; Dollie and Malcom Stone; Ken Farmer; Daphne Jolly’s mother; family of Al Perdue; Diane Manna; Joyce Freed; Susie Hall; Jean Beck; family of Joe Spadaccia; family of Gregory Geisz; George Sims; Billy Hopson; Carolyn Maxwell; 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; Jo Kiser; Kitty Lipscomb; Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence December 3, 2023

8:30 Fresh Start.....	86
9:45 Bridge.....	51
11:00 Traditions.....	147
Online.....	43
Total Worship Attendance.....	327

CHESTER UMC ONLINE RESOURCES

- **Website:** www.chesterumc.org.
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/ChesterUnitedMethodistChurch/>.
- **Facebook Closed Group:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChesterUMC/>.
- **Instagram:** [Instagram.com/chesterumc](https://www.instagram.com/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.**

Leading Our Worship TODAY, Sunday, December 10, 2023

Greeters:	8:30	Laura Houglan
	11:00	Linda Large, Will Schmidt
Ushers:	8:30	Wendell Landis*, Ron Dombrowski * Head Usher
	11:00	Gordon Morris*, Harold Crowder, Larry Koon, Emory Large, Willie Orton
Nursery:	8:30, 11:00	Staff Member: Jessica Hargraves

Advent Bible Study: Rev. Dr. Marg Kutz will lead a two Bible studies. 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 in-person sessions then zoom in on Sunday nights for 30 minutes. If you can't make all three sessions, participate as you are able.

- Sundays, December 10, and 17 from 6:30-7:00 PM via zoom
- Mondays, December 11, and 18 from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in person, Room 226.

Christmas Cards for Veterans: As you write your Christmas cards, 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. Cards may be placed in the labeled box in the outdoor Sharing Bin located outside the Welcome Center, or inside in the Mission Closet by *Sunday, Dec. 17*. Please address them to "A Special Veteran" or "To Someone Special", etc. Only sign your first name. Do not seal the envelopes.

POC: Barbara MacIntyre telluwhatbarbara@aim.com

Christmas Pageant: Sunday, December 24, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary. Come see the Kidz Zone Christmas Play, "A Very Mixed Up Christmas". Invite your family and friends to the performance. POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org



Chester UMC Rose Window Notecards: The Rose Window was dedicated in 1957, it was installed in the Atrium following the 2007 renovation. You can share our Rose Window with friends and relatives! Makes a great stocking stuffer. The notecards may be purchased weekdays in the Church Office. The cost is \$10 per package of 10 cards, plus envelopes. Proceeds 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.

CUMC Christmas Sharing Tree: 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.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49ADA82FA7FE3-46217606-holiday>

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.

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/>

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. POC: Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396.
- **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

Rest Stop is a Chester UMC after-school program designed to provide rest and encouragement to at-risk youth. Our regular activities include snacks, conversation, homework, tutoring, games, outdoor activities, and dinner. 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 love to give? Join the faithful team to support this ministry. Make donation checks payable to CUMC, memo: Rest Stop, to help cover our expenses. To volunteer or for more information contact 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, we welcome cash donations. With your help, the children in our area will have food to eat. Donations may be placed in the Backpack bin in our Missions closet. POC: Karen Comer (804) 786-2919

Stephen Ministry: Being open to sharing personal conversation with another isn't easy for many of us. We all possess different attitudes and sensitivities. Yet when we are willing to invite God into those spaces and situations, he can work positive and spiritual gain in us and through us. Prayerfully consider seeking the benefit of a Stephen Minister. Why not? For more information contact Beth Powner (804) 586-0735 or Steve Osborne (407) 921-0227.



Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, December 17, 2023

Greeters:	8:30	Andy & Eileen Steck	
	9:45	Cathy Epps	
	11:00	Hunter Beazley and Martha Miles	
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones*, Bill Comer	* Head Usher
	9:45	Linda D'Agostino*, Andrew Brummette	
	11:00	Will Herrmann*, Emory Large, Tommy Petrey, Joan Osborne, Don Schmidt	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:45, 11:00	Staff Member: Carla Adams, Jessica Hargaves	

***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**.

Christmas Concert: 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.

Christmas Cookie Sale: TODAY, December 10, the UMWomen are selling delicious homemade Christmas cookies by the tin in the Fellowship Hall following both services. Come to the Fellowship Hall, select your tin, go down the row and select your choice of cookies to fill the tin.

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

Young Families Christmas Party: Saturday, December 16, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall. You are invited to join us for crafts, games and fellowship. Invite friends and bring a dish to share!!

POC: Juliana Paradie - julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

Blue Christmas Service: 4:00 PM, Sunday, December 17. Whether you are grieving the loss of a loved one, mourning a challenging relationship, or simply struggling emotionally around the Christmas season, this service is for you. Join us for a time of contemplation and a message of hope. Find strength in knowing that you are not alone this season.

How Do We Give Jesus a Birthday Present? We have been blessed with a matching gift opportunity up to \$50,000 of second mile giving between now and December 24. Your giving to the "Extra Fund" will double its impact on our ministries. So that we may track your gift, please note "Extra Fund" on your envelope, in the memo section of your check, or in the "Add Message" section when giving via Zelle. Second mile gifts will appear on your giving statement; however, they do not count as part of your pledge. Assess your financial situation and let's double our impact!

Zelle is a great way to send your donations to the church. Use the QR code here. Once you enroll, all you need to send money to the Church is our e-mail address: finance@chesterumc.org.



SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

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

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

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

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

The Gathering Small Group: 9:45 AM, Room 205; Join with other young families for a time of study and fellowship. POC: Brion & Sonja Seward 1bseward@comcast.net, 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: <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. 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 2nd 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)

Middle & High School Youth: 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)

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. music@chesterumc.org

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

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 chadbeck@chesterumc.org

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

Handbells for adults, Wednesdays at 5:45 PM, Sanctuary, 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: Third Thursday, We visit a different local restaurant each month for a time of fellowship and good food. 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 (wvalady@verizon.net/804-914-0433)

Women's Christian Book Club: 1st Thursday, 6:30 PM, Next meeting December 7, Annex Loft. December book link <https://a.co/d/dZXKcLi>. POC: Jennifer Brame (jrbrooksiee@gmail.com)

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

Strum and Smile: 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

Kidz Zone Night: Meets 3rd Saturdays, 6:00 PM, Join us for food and a variety of fun activities!
POC: Charlotte Brummette Charl208@yahoo.com (804) 833-117



Christmas Worship

Sunday, December 10

Christmas Concert 8:30 AM
No Bridge Service 9:45 AM
Christmas Concert 11:00 AM

Monday, December 11

Christmas Concert 7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 12

Christmas Concert 7:00 PM

Sunday, December 17

Fresh Start Worship 8:30 AM
Bridge Worship 9:45 AM
Traditions Worship 11:00 AM
Blue Christmas Service 4:00 PM

Sunday, December 24

Fresh Start Worship 8:30 AM
No Bridge Service 9:45 AM
Childrens' Christmas Pageant 11:00 AM
Candlelight Communion 7:00 PM
Candlelight Communion 11:00 PM

Sunday, December 31

Fresh Start Worship 8:30 AM
No Bridge Service 9:45 AM
Traditions Worship 11:00 AM



Wreath Dedications

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

- ◆ **Our parents, Robley & Roslyn Bates and Ed & Sue Hicks** by Charles & Ellen Bates
- ◆ **Gibson Belcher, Sr.** by Nancy Belcher
- ◆ **Russell & Alma Burton** by Barbara Burton Micou
- ◆ **John O. Cook** by Gypsy Cook
- ◆ **Our daughter, Kate Kelley Ewalt** by Mike & Mindy Kelley
- ◆ **Betty & Edwin Pospahala and Robert & Dorothy Schaumann** by Pat Pospahala
- ◆ **Our father, Teddy Nicholson** by Thomas & Caroline

IN HONOR OF

- ◆ **Our new grandson, Lachlan John Dougan** by Steve & Penn Shultz
- ◆ **CUMC Pastors and Staff** by anonymous
- ◆ **CUMC Music Ministry** by anonymous



Poinsettia Dedications



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

- ◆ **My sister, Ann Waynick** by Nancy Carrouth
- ◆ **My parents, Michael & Rachel Epps** by Cathy Epps
- ◆ **Bill Goodwyn** by his loving family
- ◆ **Ron Hargrave** by Janis Hargrave
- ◆ **My husband, Charlie** and my parents, **Rev. & Mrs. Elmore Brown** by Diane Higgins
- ◆ **Blake & Wilma June Holmes** by Rod & Charlene Holmes
- ◆ **Jim Huber** by Rod & Charlene Holmes
- ◆ **Bill & Helen Cole** by Chris & Betty Marie Irving
- ◆ **Harold Irving** by Chris & Betty Marie Irving
- ◆ **My parents, Laura & Cyril** by Barbara John
- ◆ **John & Joyce Harvey** by Matt, Mary Beth, Emily, and Caroline Johnson
- ◆ **Don & Grace Darling** by Matt, Mary Beth, Emily, and Caroline Johnson
- ◆ **Rachel Cauble** by Daphne Jolly
- ◆ **Ron King** by Gail King and family
- ◆ **John & Doris Owen** by Gail King
- ◆ **Sidney & Madeline King** by Gail King
- ◆ **Ed Labin** by Tracy, Scot, and Betty Labin
- ◆ **My sister, Sandra Lewis** by Linda Large
- ◆ **Geraldine Cahill (mother)** by Emory & Linda Large
- ◆ **June Irvin** by Patrick & Melanie Mims
- ◆ **My father, Bill Morrissette** by Donna Nunery
- ◆ **Dick & Marion Poole** by Rick Poole
- ◆ **Ricky Swinson** by Debbie, Aubrey, and Meredith

- ◆ **Gerry George** by Jim Rhodes
- ◆ **William & Kathleen Rhodes** by Jim Rhodes
- ◆ **Dennis Dunn** by Tom Mayo and Jim Rhodes
- ◆ **Preston & Jackie Wilkinson** by Kent & Barbara Yandle
- ◆ **Clyde & Jane Yandle** by Kent & Barbara Yandle
- ◆ **Charles & Louise Young and Edwin Fisher** by Kim Young
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- ◆ **John B. York, Jr.** by The York Family



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- ◆ **Joyce Battle** by her children, grandchildren & great grandchildren
- ◆ **Our loving mother & Grandmother, Barbara Goodwyn** by her children and grandchildren, and their families.
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- ◆ **Danielle Irving** by Chris & Betty Marie Irving
- ◆ **Kenneth & Barbara Rhodes** by Daphne Jolly
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