



February 4, 2024, 9:45 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

I'll Fly Away
Are You Washed?
Jesus Built This Church on Love
Where Could I Go?

SPECIAL MUSIC

Here I Am, Lord
Angelo Galarza

SCRIPTURE

Luke 11:1-13 CEV

MESSAGE

God bless the Child who Prays
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

February 4, 2024—8:30 AM



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

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Awesome is the Lord Most High
My Savior Lives
In the Secret
The Only Name

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A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

Fifth Sunday
after Epiphany

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Prelude

Blessed Assurance

Jean Wallace, organist

* Call to Worship¹

Leader: God's goodness is poured over us!

People: God's blessings abound in our lives!

Leader: In the darkness God abides with us.

People: In the light God dances and shouts with us!

Leader: Holy is God who is present with us at all times.

People: How grateful we are for God's presence and compassion. Amen.

* Hymn No. 374

Standing on the Promises

Special Music

Here I Am, Lord

Angelo Galarza

Children's Message

Juliana Paradie

Why We Give

Offertory

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

Chancel Choir
Cheryl Green, soloist

* 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. 496

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Scripture Reading

Luke 11:1-13

CEV

Sermon

*Teaching Children Our Faith:
God Bless the Child Who Prays*

Pastor Nathan Decker

Holy Communion

* Hymn No. 526

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

* Benediction³

* Choral Amen

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

¹<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4018/worship-connection-july-24-2022>

²United Methodist Book of Worship, No. 493, Michael J. O'Donnell

Flowers on the Altar are given in memory and in honor of Lewis Edward (Ed) Labin, by Betty, Tracy Ann, and Scot Edward Labin.

Altar Flowers for the Sanctuary: Help Beautify the Altar for Worship! To donate Altar Flowers, please sign up in the pew pad, or on the flower chart outside of the Church Office and complete the Altar Flower Form. Make arrangements with a florist of your choice, including delivery to the Church and payment to your florist. The suggested price is \$55-\$65. Special pricing and free delivery to the church have been arranged with River's Bend and Petals & Bows florists. Thank you for helping!

Calendar

February 4, 2024 – February 11, 2024

Today	8:15 AM Nursery until 12 PM 8:30 AM Fresh Start-DFH 9:45 AM Bridge Worship- Sanctuary Sun Sch PreK-107 Sun Sch Gr K-5-206 Adult SS-Variou 11:00 AM Traditions-Sanctuary 12:00 PM TDHS Key Club-116 4:00 PM Youth Group-Annex	5:45 PM Handbell Choir-Music Suite 6:30 PM Crew-206 7:00 PM Chancel Choir-Music Suite Thurs: 10:30 AM Ada Mae Bookman- 226 11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer- Trinity UMC 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor 6:30 PM Spanish Class-220 7:00 PM ESL- 205, 214, 221, 226
Mon:	10:00 AM Stephen Min. Training-226 6:00 PM Stum & Smile- Music Suite 6:30 PM Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Jean Craig- 205	Fri: Sat: Next Sunday: February 11, 2024
Tues:	10:30 AM Joy Singers- Covenant Woods 2:00 PM Stephen Ministers-226 3:00 PM Rest Stop 6:30 PM Spanish Class-220 7:00 PM ESL-205, 214, 221,226 7:00 PM SPRC Meeting-213	8:15 AM Nursery until 12 PM 8:30 AM Fresh Start-DFH 9:45 AM Bridge Worship-Sanctuary Sun Sch PreK-107 Sun Sch Gr K-5-206 Adult SS-Variou 11:00 AM Traditions-Sanctuary
Wed:	10:00 AM Blood Drive-DFH 10:00 AM Visitation Team-226 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline	12:00 PM Souper-Bowl Lunch-DFH 4:00 PM Youth Activities- Annex

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
February 11	8:30/ 11:00- God bless the Child who Grows 9:45- Eternity	Luke 2:41-52 Psalm 90:1-14 NIV

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



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

Blood Drive: Wednesday, February 7, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM, DFH. Register online today! All blood types are needed! One donor will help save three lives. Donors will receive a \$20 Amazon E-Gift Card as a thank you! Share your heart!. rcblood.org/heart.

Souper-Bowl Soup Luncheon: Super Bowl Sunday, February 11, 12:00 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. Join us for good food and fellowship. Proceeds will go to the United Methodist Women's mission projects. All are invited to join us for a soup luncheon! The menu includes a variety of heartwarming homemade soups, corn muffins, desserts, and beverages. The cost at the door is \$10 per person. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for more information.

Mardi Gras Pancake Supper: Tuesday, February 13, 6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall. Come eat some delicious pancakes! There will be a casual Ash Wednesday worship service following the pancake supper.

Ash Wednesday Service: Wednesday, February 14, 12:00 PM, Sanctuary. Traditional Ash Wednesday Service.

Women's Fellowship Luncheon: Thursday, February 15, 1:30 PM, El Patron, 11211 Iron Bridge Road. RSVP by Monday, February 12. POC: Joan Osborne josbor61@gmail.com

Parent Night Out/ Community Movie Night: Saturday, February 17, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. Movie: Abominable. POC:Juliana Paradie (juliananparadie@chesterumc.org)

Dunlop House Outreach: Sunday, February 18, 3:00 PM. The Youth Group will be heading to Dunlop House to play Bingo with the residents. We will meet at the Church at 2:15 PM.

Easter Choir: Join the choir as we prepare for our Easter Musical. Rehearsals are weekly on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Singers of all ages and skill levels are welcome! The musical will be presented on March 24, 25, and 28. POC: Joshua Wortham

Life Screening: Thursday, February 22, Fellowship Hall. By Appointment only. Take a step toward staying healthy and active. Life Screening offers preventative screenings. To register for your appointment please call 1-800-640-6307 or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HC

KEEP IN PRAYER: Samuel Wisegarver, Steve Gilliatt, The family of George Emerson, Sr.; The family of Glenn Skeen; Penny Creed, Jackie Cookie Tyler, Bryan Manna; Family of John Coghill; Joe & Diane Manna; Dick Weis; Summer Vaughan; Margie Donald; Janis Hargrave; Lynda Richardson; Charles Smith; Sandra Cherny; Susan Henry; Charles Cressell; Karen Cole; Mary Tyree; Tiffany Croxford; Billy Hopson; Mino Oden; Ken Farmer; Marie Purdue; Dee Watkins; Dollie and Malcom Stone; Susie Hall; Carolyn Maxwell; Bill Burton; Ella Hilton; Erika Hilton; Jo Kiser; Kitty Lipscomb; Clara Gestwick.

Our Presence January 28, 2024

8:30 Fresh Start.....	87
9:45 Bridge.....	48
11:00 Traditions.....	169
Online.....	43
Total Worship Attendance.....	347

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, February 4, 2024

Greeters:	8:30	Cathy Epps	
	9:45	Donna Nunery	
	11:00	Sharon Buchanan and Linda Large	
Ushers:	8:30	Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer	* Head Usher
	9:45	Linda D’Agostino*, JR Irvin	
	11:00	Beth Stewart*, Dean Hutchins, Tommy Petrey, Steve & Joan Osborne	
Communion	8:30	Lilly Freiin von Ketelhodt, Liam Johnston, Erik Johnston	
Servers:	9:45	Sandra Dishman, Paul Marretti	
	11:00	Chester & Pat Baake, Will Schmidt	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:45, 11:00	Staff Member: Carla Adams, Samantha Garcia	

Lenten Small Group Study- How To Reach New People. Sunday, February 18 through March 24, 9:45 AM. Room 214. Led by Pastor Nathan Decker. We will use the book, *Get Their Name*, by Farr, Anderson, and Kotan. Books provided. *Sign up in the pew pad, today!*
POC: Pastor Nathan Decker

Lenten Study- The Gospel Truth: The Easter Story from the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Two session options- Virtually, Sundays, (Feb. 18, March 3, 10, and 17) from 6:30PM-7:30PM. In-Person- Wednesdays (Feb. 21 and March 6, 13, and 20) from 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM in person at the church, Room 205. Lenten studies generally focus on the life and crucifixion of Jesus, seldom on the resurrection of Jesus. This four-week study will take a fresh look at the resurrection stories from the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. How are the four accounts alike and how are they different? What does it mean “Jesus rose from the dead” and what is “the resurrection of the body”? What is the difference between the resurrection and the ascension? What other questions do you have about the resurrection of Jesus? This study led by Marg Kutz. There is no study book except the Bible and no assignments. *Sign up on the pew pad today*, or contact Marg Kutz at margkutz72@gmail.com or 804-305-6100. This is especially important if you are going to participate virtually as you will need the link.

Confirmation: Sundays, February 18, March 3, 10, 24, 2:15 PM– 3:45 PM, Annex. A confirmation service will take place during worship on *Sunday, April 7*. Confirmation is a spiritual journey of youth who wish to grow in their faith in Jesus. All youth are welcome to participate (previous baptism is not a requirement; previously confirmed youth are also welcome). Come for food, fun learning activities, a mission, and spiritual experiences. Youth will be invited to become professing disciples of Jesus in the United Methodist church.
POCs: Pastor Chad or Julianna Paradie.

Spanish as a Hospitality: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 PM, Room 220, Learn to speak basic Spanish. Sign up in the Pew Pad or contact Vince D’Agostino. (vdagos@comcast.net)

Suenos ESL Classes: English as a Second Language: Tuesday and Thursday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM, Rooms 205, 214, 221, 226. POC: Pastor Chad Beck (chadbeck@chesterumc.com)

Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, February 11, 2024

Greeters:	8:30	Steve & Joan Osborne	
	9:45	Stephanie Decker	
	11:00	Hunter Beazley, Martha Miles	
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones*, Ron Dombrowski	* Head Usher
	9:45	Jim Waktins*, Pat Stanfield	
	11:00	Will Herrmann*, Bob Kutz, Geoff LeSueur, Jeff Marlin, Herb McCulloch	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:45, 11:00	Staff Member: Carla Adams, Samantha Garcia	

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. Continuing through February 11-- Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith, by best-selling author and pastor, Adam Hamilton. 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. February 18 - March 31, the Seekers will have a special Lenten study using J. Ellsworth Kalas' book, *Easter From The backside*. The author looks beyond the traditional Gospel scriptures to connect the story of Christ's resurrection with other stories and scriptures throughout the Bible (Genesis, Job, Ecclesiastes, Ezekiel, and Revelation). The study is enriched with contemporary illustrations and personal experiences to provide new perspectives on Easter. All adults are invited. POC: Barbara MacIntyre telluwhatbarbara@aim.com

Senior Singles Sunday School Class: 9:45 AM, Parlor, We are finishing up the book "*God Was Here And I Was Out To Lunch*", by James W. Moore. We are asking for recommendations for a new book to study. Please send your suggestions to Cynthia Corley!
POC: Cynthia Corley (cacorley@ctsi.net)

Middle & High School, Sunday School Class: 9:45 AM, Annex Loft Come out for some fun and hear an amazing lesson that is being taught by one of our incredible leaders. Bring your friends! Grades 6-12 POC: Juliana Paradie (julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

Bridge Builders-Jail Ministry: Meets 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: 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. Bring your friends! 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. 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, 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: 3rd Thursday, 1:30 PM. On February 15 we visit El Patron on Iron Bridge Road. RSVP by Monday, February 12. POC: Joan Osborne (josbor61@gmail.com)

Prayer Shawl Group: Thursdays, 1:30 PM, 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 (804) 914-0433 wvalady@verizon.net

Women's Christian Book Club: 1st Thursday, 6:30 PM, Annex Loft. Our next meeting is Thursday, March 7. Our next book is book number 2 in the Sensible Shoes series, Two Steps Forward: A Story of Persevering in Hope. POC: Jennifer Brame jrbrooksiee@gmail.com

Sueños Health & Safety for Latino Families: 1st Fridays, 6:30 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. Variety of topics, good food, childcare provided. POC: Pastor Chad chadbeck@chesterumc.org

Strum and Smile: *NEW Day and Time-* Monday evenings, 6:00 PM, 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) 833-1174

The United Methodist Women (UMW) is to “be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.”

- ◆ **Jean Craig Fellowship:** Monday, February 5, (first Mondays) 7:00 PM, Room 205 to pack Valentine Gift Bags for the kids of United Methodist Family Services. For more information, call Susan Petrey 804-938-5396
- ◆ **Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship:** February 8, (second Thursdays), 10:30 AM, Room 226, for a time of Christian fellowship. For more information, call Martha Miles, 804-748-5476.
- ◆ **Salad Luncheon:** All women of the Church are invited to a luncheon meeting of the UMW Sunday, March 17 immediately following 11:00 AM worship. Bring a salad or dessert to share. The Jean Craig Fellowship will host. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, to learn more about UMW, our two participating fellowships, and how you can become involved.

Backpack Ministry: Your donations, especially new or increased ones, will help us answer the needs. Food items we always need include tuna, tuna helper, chicken, chicken helper, spam, canned pasta, pasta-roni, rice-a-roni, pop tarts, oatmeal, and applesauce. Donations of food items can be placed in the Mission Closet in the container marked for backpack. Monetary donations are always appreciated! Checks payable to CUMC (memo: Backpack). Thank you for your support of the ministry.

Rest Stop: is a Chester UMC after school program designed to provide rest and encouragement to at-risk youth from Thomas Dale High School. Do you have a special gift to share with these young people or just an abundance of love to give. Make a check payable to CUMC, (memo: Rest Stop) to help cover our small expenses including gas for the church bus. Contact REST STOP Team Leader Susan Petrey, 804/938-5396, for more information or to volunteer.

Stephen Ministry: If you are going through a difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can bring God’s warm love back into your life. They provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will meet with you privately on a weekly basis to listen, to support and encourage you, to pray with and for you, and to walk with you for the duration of your crisis. To find out more about Stephen Ministry and how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with Steve Osborne at 407-921-0227.



Valentines For Veterans: Due today! Please do not sign your last name and do not seal the envelopes. They will be sorted by religious and non-religious content. Drop cards off in the Sharing Bin outside the Welcome Center or in the Mission Closet in the Church. We are still collecting packages of boxer shorts in sizes Small - XXXL. Thank you for your cards and prayers for our veterans. POC: Barbara MacIntyre telluwhatbarbara@aim.com

VBS Volunteers needed: VBS is around the corner, and we are in our planning stages. We are looking for VBS Volunteers to help on June 24-28 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please sign up with this QR Code. POC: Juliana Paradie (julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)



Volunteer Opportunities: We are looking for communion servers for fresh start services, helpers for our parent night out and VBS. Please sign up through this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BADAA28ABFCC25-47194296-volunteer>

UMCOR Kits for Conference: The United Methodist Committee on Relief operates two relief depots, one in Salt Lake City and the Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana. For the past several years CUMC and the UMW have collected materials for and assembled hygiene kits to be sent to Sager Brown. They collect kits to have on hand when disaster strikes. Due to tornadoes and flooding in the Southeast and war in Eastern Europe and the Near East there is an urgent need to restock their inventory of hygiene kits. Our goal for this year's June 20-22 Virginia United Methodist Annual Conference is 100 kits. The congregation is invited to support this effort by donating items for the kits. Pick up your "assignment ticket" from the display in the Atrium beginning February 1 and return the assigned items to the collection box in the Mission Closet no later than 12 noon on Sunday, April 7. POC: Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for more information.

Beginner Music Reading Class: Tom McHugh is offering to lead a weekly class for those who wish to learn to read music - whether you've always wanted to learn or want to brush up on your skills. He will utilize the handbells, but the group will only play publicly if/when they feel ready. *Register in the pew pad* today if you are interested in participating. POC: Tom McHugh (vtthokietom@gmail.com)

Save the Date: Saturday, April 13, 2-4 PM, David Fellowship Hall, *Afternoon Tea* Fundraiser hosted by the Chancel Choir. Watch for more information to come

Men's Clothing Drive: A Place of Miracles is collecting size small and medium men's clothing for men living along the Rt.1 Corridor. A Place of Miracles is a food bank for people in that area who live in motels, trailer parks, low-income neighborhoods and the homeless. They have recently opened a clothing closet at 2007 Willis Road and would appreciate your donations. Please drop off clothing donations in the collection box in the Mission Closet. POC: Diane Merryman (804) 586-4189 dianemerryman@gmail.com.

Graduate Recognition: In May, we will recognize all of our 2024 graduates during worship! Whether you are graduating from high school, college, trade school, secondary education—any sort of graduation—we want to celebrate with you! *Please call or email* the Church Office (office@chesterumc.org) and send us 2 or 3 pictures (no later than April 22) so we can include you in our PowerPoint presentation. More information to come.

Yes, There Is Texting In Church!

We are a growing and connecting bunch! We are pleased to announce the launch of a new texting ministry to help connect us as the Body of Christ. In addition to the other forms of communication (print and digital), we now have a texting service to help us connect with guests, sign up for small groups and ministry opportunities, find out if the church is closed due to inclement weather, and so much more! **To sign up and be a part of our Text Ministry, scan the QR code below or text the word “Connect” to (804) 979-2922.**

