



**February 25, 2024, 9:45 AM**

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

Goodbye, World, Goodbye  
I Feel Like Traveling On  
Amazing Grace / Peaceful, Easy Feeling  
Awesome is the Lord Most High

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Worth the Price  
*Joshua Wortham*

**SCRIPTURE**

Romans 14:1-12 CEB

**MESSAGE**

The Good News of God's Final Judgement  
*Pastor Chad Beck*

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**FRESH START SERVICE**  
February 25, 2024—8:30 AM



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

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

Father, Spirit, Jesus

Let God Arise

My Savior, My God

Offering

Blessed Be Your Name

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Worth the Price

*Joshua Wortham*

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 6:24-33 CEB

**MESSAGE**

Overwhelmed by Blessings or Starving in Scarcity

*Pastor Nathan Decker*

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February 25, 2024

A Service of Worship and Praise

Second Sunday

11:00 AM

in Lent

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Welcome, Announcements, & Greeting

Prelude

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

Organist

\* Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>

Leader: Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow;

**People: though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.**

\* Prayer of Confession<sup>2</sup>

**People: Great and Holy Auditor of the Way we spend our time and gift: We have been selfish in our generosity and break the budget of 24 hours daily cramming fruitless and self-serving endeavors. We borrow from Peter to pay Paul, Mary Josephine, and more... We have no intention of settling debts. We rob you of time with us. We ignore your advice and whispers of love. We owe love. We owe humanity more respect. We owe each other a second chance. Our line of credit is bankrupt, our love has filed Chapter 11. Our lack of love embarrasses you, your church, your message. Our apathy grows in our portfolio of abuse ensuring our own safety and self-preservation at other's expense. Forgive our interest and lack of faith principle. Free us from greed and complacency. Elevate us beyond market values into Kingdom values through your deposit on the Cross of Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Hear the Good News! Christ collected our debt and paid it all. God's love loosens the belt and gives us grace.

**People:** We are free. We are loved. We are forgiven.

Leader: Share peace and forgiveness and forgiveness as you have received in the name of Jesus.

**People:** Amen

\* Hymn No. 156

*I Love to Tell the Story*

\* Generosity Creed<sup>3</sup>

\* 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 *Worth the Price* Joshua Wortham

Why We Give  
Offertory *Order My Steps* 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. 474 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Scripture Reading *Matthew 6:24-33* CEB

Sermon *Overwhelmed by Blessings or Starving in Scarcity* Pastor Nathan Decker

\* Hymn No. 170 *O How I Love Jesus*

\* Benediction

\* Choral Amen

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

<sup>1</sup>Book of Worship, # 325

<sup>2</sup><https://worshipswake.wordpress.com/2017/05/04/confession-and-pardon/>

<sup>3</sup><https://worshipswake.wordpress.com/2014/09/29/generosity-creed/>



*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!*

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

**Game Night for 5th & 6th Graders**: Friday, March 1, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM, Annex. For all 5th and 6th graders. Come out for some fun and get to know some of our youth. POC: Juliana Paradie ([julianaparadie@chesterumc.org](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org))

**The Chamber Choir** of Walters State Community College (Morristown, TN) will present a concert on Friday, March 1, at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. All are welcome!

**Plant & Seed Swap**: Sunday, March 3, 12:15 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall.

**Community Game Night**: Saturday, March 16, 6:00 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. Pizza and lemonade will be provided. Please bring dessert or snacks to share. POC: Juliana Paradie ([julianaparadie@chesterumc.org](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org))

**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

**Holy Thursday Service**: Thursday, March 28, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary. Easter Cantata and Communion.



**Glow-in -the-Dark Easter Egg Hunt**: Saturday, March 30 6:30 PM on the CUMC Annex Lawn. Please register your children through the QR code provided and you will receive a free glow in the dark gift. POC: Julianna Paradie ([julianaparadie@chesterumc.org](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org))

**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](mailto:finance@chesterumc.org)



**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

**KEEP IN PRAYER:** Susan Henry; Bill Johnson; Kevan Spiers; The family of Sally Tolbert; Debbie P.; Mama Joyce; Michael Marretti; Casey Jones and family; The family of Steve Gilliatt; Mary Ann Bellamy; Elizabeth Cave; Dollie & Malcom Stone; The family of Douglas Spurlock; Julie Jones; Samuel Wisegarver; Becca Petrey; Dave King; the family of George Emerson, Sr.; Penny Creed; Jackie Cookie Tyler; Bryan Manna; The family of John Coghill; Joe & Diane Manna; Dick Weis; Summer Vaughn; Margie Donald; Janis Hargrave; Lynda Richardson; Charles Smith; Sandra Cherny; Charles Cressell; Karen Cole; Mary Tyree; Tiffany Croxford; Billy Hopson; Ken Farmer; Marie Purdue; Dee Watkins; Susie Hall; Carolyn Maxwell; Bill Burton; Ella Hilton; Erika Hilton; Jo Kiser; Kitty Lipscomb; Clara Gestwick.

**Our Presence February 18, 2024**

8:30 Fresh Start.....	94
9:45 Bridge.....	50
11:00 Traditions.....	185
Online.....	42
<b>Total Worship Attendance.....</b>	<b>371</b>

**CHESTER UMC ONLINE RESOURCES**

- **Website:** [www.chesterumc.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:rmachachi@aol.com)).
- **The Chimes** – Submit items to [assistant@chesterumc.org](mailto:assistant@chesterumc.org) no later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

**Leading Our Worship Today, Sunday, February 25, 2024**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Andy & Eileen Steck	
	<b>9:45</b>	Donna Nunery	
	<b>11:00</b>	Beth Stewart, Jim Rhodes	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Gordon Jones*, Ron Dombrowski	* Head Usher
	<b>9:45</b>	Gordon Morris*, Andrew Brummette	
	<b>11:00</b>	Gary Williams*, Harold Crowder, Emory Large, Don Schmidt, Kay Williams	
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>8:30, 9:45, 11:00</b>	Staff Members: Carla Adams, Samantha Garcia	

**Lenten Study- The Gospel Truth:** The Easter Story from the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Two session options- Virtually, Sundays, (March 3, 10, and 17) from 6:30PM-7:30PM. In-Person- Wednesdays (March 6, 13, and 20) from 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM in person at the church, Room 205. This study is led by Marg Kutz. POC: Marg Kutz at [margkutz72@gmail.com](mailto:margkutz72@gmail.com) or 804-305-6100. Use this link on Sundays to join with Google Meet. <https://meet.google.com/eiw-dgeb-iby?hs=224>

**Lenten Small Group Study- How To Reach New People.** Today, through March 24, 9:45 AM, Room 214. Led by Pastor Nathan Decker. Use this QR code to join the Study. POC: Pastor Nathan Decker



**Confirmation:** Sundays, 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. [julianaparadie@chesterumc.org](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

**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](mailto: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.org](mailto:chadbeck@chesterumc.org))

**Cremation Garden Survey:** The Church Council would like your input on the idea of offering some type of memorial garden for the placement of cremains or small commemorative markers for the congregation to respectfully remember their loved ones. Please click on this link to take the Cremation Garden Survey. <https://forms.gle/7ep1LQDaByeyBtGw8>

**Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, March 3, 2024**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	William & Karen Comer
	<b>9:45</b>	Stephanie Decker
	<b>11:00</b>	Hunter Beazley & Martha Miles
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Gordon Jones*, Bill Comer * Head Usher
	<b>9:45</b>	Jim Watkins*, Herb McCulloch
	<b>11:00</b>	Will Herrmann*, Andrew Brummette, Bob Kutz, Steve & Joan Osborne
<b>Communion:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Caroline Morgan, Amelia Morgan
	<b>9:45</b>	John & Dawn Hall
	<b>11:00</b>	Herb McCulloch, Harold Crowder
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>8:30, 9:45, 11:00</b>	Staff Members: 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](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)).

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

**Fresh Start Sunday School Class:** 9:45 AM, Room 221. In *The Third Day: Living the Resurrection*, Tom Berlin uses his gifts of storytelling and understanding the Scriptures to connect the reader to the experiences of several individuals around Jesus in his final days, focusing on new life and redemption rather than loss. This study traces events around these characters, along with Paul and the disciples at Emmaus, and how the resurrection transforms their lives. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396.

**Friendship Ministry Class:** 10:40 AM, Room 116, for adults who are developmentally challenged. POC: Mari and Dan Hayes ([JLMinNaples@msn.com](mailto: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 [lbseward@comcast.net](mailto:lbseward@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](mailto:landisfamily05@gmail.com)); Eric Houglan ([ehouglan88@gmail.com](mailto:ehouglan88@gmail.com))

**Seekers Sunday School Class:** 9:40 AM, Room 226. February 25 - 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](mailto:telluwhatbarbara@aim.com)

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

**Middle & High School, Sunday School Class:** 9:45 AM, Annex Loft. Bring your friends!  
Grades 6-12. POC: Juliana Paradie ([julianaparadie@chesterumc.org](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org))

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:smorris787@aim.com)

**Village People Study, Socialize, & Service Group:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 2:00 PM, Community Room at Chester Village Senior APTS (11701 Chester Village DR).

**Joy Singers:** Tuesdays, 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](mailto:music@chesterumc.org)

**Contemplative Prayer Group:** *Thursdays*, 11:00 AM, Trinity UMC. Read scripture, focus, pray, chat, connect with God. POC: Lisa Stanfield: [lisajstanfield@gmail.com](mailto:lisajstanfield@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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:gordo1545@aim.com)

**Women's Fellowship Luncheon:** Thursday, March 21, 1:30 PM (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays), Howlett's Restaurant, 3530 Festival Park Plaza, Chester. POC: Joan Osborne [josbor61@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:wvalady@verizon.net)

**Women's Christian Book Club:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 6:30 PM, *New Location: Parlor*. 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](mailto:jrbrooksiee@gmail.com)

**Sueños Health & Safety for Latino Families:** 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays, 6:30 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. Variety of topics, good food, childcare provided. POC: Pastor Chad [chadbeck@chesterumc.org](mailto:chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

**Strum and Smile:** 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 6:00 PM, Join us for food and a variety of fun activities!  
POC: Charlotte Brummette [Charl208@yahoo.com](mailto:Charl208@yahoo.com) (804) 833-1174

**Bridge Builders-Jail Ministry:** Meets 2<sup>nd</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 at [mcoker2003@comcast.net](mailto:mcoker2003@comcast.net)

**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.” Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, to learn more about UMW, our two participating fellowships, and how you can become involved.

- ◆ **Jean Craig Fellowship:** Monday, March 4 (first Mondays) 7:00 PM, Room 205. For more information, call Susan Petrey 804-938-5396
- ◆ **Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship:** March 14 (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. CUMC member, Terri Dombrowski will present a program on her recent trip to Spain and hike of the Camino de Santiago.

**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. 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.

**Volunteers are Needed for Communion:** Would you like to volunteer to set up for Communion? Please use the QR code to sign up today!





**Stephen Ministry:** Stressed? Feeling Down? Need Encouragement? Stephen Ministers don't just provide care for people experiencing a major crisis. They also provide care and support for people weighed down by the little things in life. If you're feeling down, lonely, stressed, or discouraged, you could benefit from the care, support, and encouragement of a Stephen Minister. It's free. It's confidential. To find out more, talk with Steve Osborne at 407-921-0227.

**Easter Egg Hunt Candy Donations Needed:** Our Glow-in-the-Dark Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 30th. We are looking for candy donations and glow in the dark plastic eggs. If you are interested in donating, please contact Juliana Paradie or drop off donations to the Missions Closet.

**VBS Volunteers Needed:** 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](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org))



**Vacation Bible School:** It's that time again and VBS is around the corner. June 24-28 from 9am-12pm. Please start registering your kids through the QR Code. This registration is for kids that turn age 4 by Sept. 1 through those entering 6th grade. POC: Juliana Paradie ([julianaparadie@chesterumc.org](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org))

## Holy Week Worship

*Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday*

- 8:30 AM Easter Musical
- 9:45 AM No Worship Service
- 11:00 AM Easter Musical

*Monday, March 25*

- 7:00 PM Easter Musical

*Thursday, March 28 - Holy Thursday*

- 7:00 PM Easter Musical with Communion

*Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday*

- 6:30 AM Sunrise Service on Annex Lawn
- 8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship Service
- 9:45 AM The Bridge Service
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

**UMCOR Kits for Conference:** Pick up an “assignment ticket” from the display in the Atrium, today! Please 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.

**Journey Middle School Retreat 2024:** March 15-17, 2024, Young Life’s Rockbridge Alum Springs Camp, Goshen, VA. Journey, a weekend getaway retreat for Middle School students is coming on March 15-17. For any adults that would like to volunteer and teens that would like to attend. Price: \$195 per person. For details of the weekend, click this link: <https://journeyweekend.com/> POC: Juliana at [julianaparadie@chesterumc.org](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

**Chester UMC Pictorial Directory:** We will be taking pictures in the Davis Fellowship Hall between services for the entire month of March. Due to the Cantata on Palm Sunday, photos will be taken from 9:45AM -10:30 AM, only. You are welcome to provide a recent photo of yourself or your family. If you provide a family picture, please indicate (left to right) the names of all in the photo. Sending a digital photo or having your picture taken for the directory at CUMC gives the church your consent to publish it in the printed pictorial directory and will be distributed to members of the congregation. You may send your digital photo and questions to Mary Musselwhite at [softshl1@gmail.com](mailto:softshl1@gmail.com).

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

**Graduate Recognition:** On May 5, we will recognize all 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! *Sign up in the pew pad today, call, or email* the Church Office ([office@chesterumc.org](mailto:office@chesterumc.org)). Please send two or three pictures (no later than April 22) so we can include you in our PowerPoint presentation.

**Plant and Seed Swap:** Sunday, March 3, 12:15 p.m. in Davis Fellowship Hall. Do you have more okra or pea seeds than you know what to do with? Bought 12 tomatoes plants and only have room for 6? Bring your extras and meet other green thumbs and green thumbs wannabes, swap seeds, share plants, and maybe talk a little dirt! Then mark your calendar for “the next planting” on Sunday, April 7, 12:15 p.m. POC: Katey Petrey McCarney, 804/402-0084.

**CUMC Arts & Crafts Show:** Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. in Davis Fellowship Hall. Admission is free. See handmade crafts from CUMC crafters and many more. Pick up a few Mother’s Day gifts while you browse. Breakfast and Lunch items will be served. If you craft and are interested in obtaining a space, or know someone else who might be interested, call Katey Petrey McCarney, 804/402-0084 or see [www.chesterumc.org](http://www.chesterumc.org) .

**Yes, There Is Texting In Church!** We are excited to announce a new texting ministry to help connect us as the Body of Christ. 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 much more! Join us to help our Church stay connected! To sign up and be a part of our Text Ministry, scan the QR code or text the word “Connect” to (804) 979-2922.



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

**Calling All Veterans:** If you are a Veteran we would like to know. We are compiling a list to recognize our Veterans during special events. If you would like to be included, please email the Church Office at [office@chesterumc.org](mailto:office@chesterumc.org) or call 804-748-6006.

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*and*  
REMEMBER

**CHOIR CONCERT**  
Sunday, March 24 \* 8:30 & 11:00 AM  
Monday, March 25 \* 7:00 PM  
Thursday, March 28 \* 7:00 PM

The poster features a central image of a wooden cross with a white cloth draped over it, set against a dramatic sunset sky with orange and yellow hues. The text is arranged in a clean, serif font, with the main title in all caps and the dates and times in a smaller font at the bottom.

