



**March 3, 2024, 9:45 AM**

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

Glory To His Name  
He Knows Just What I Need  
Take My Life  
Sweeter As The Days Go By

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Were You There *with* There Is A Balm in Gilead  
Jesus Paid It All *with* O Sacred Head Now Wounded  
*Jack Price, trumpet*

**SCRIPTURE**

Malachi 3:1-7 NKJV

**MESSAGE**

The Means of Grace  
*Pastor Chad Beck*

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**FRESH START SERVICE**

March 3, 2024—8:30 AM



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

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

Sing, Sing, Sing

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed Are the Humble

Offering

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Jesus Paid It All *with* O Sacred Head Now Wounded

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

*Jack Price, trumpet*

**SCRIPTURE**

Genesis 12:2-3 CEB

**MESSAGE**

Blessed to be a Blessing

*Pastor Nathan Decker*

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March 3, 2024

A Service of Worship and Praise  
11:00 AM

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Third Sunday  
in Lent

Welcome, Announcements, & Greeting

Prelude

*Jesus Paid It All with  
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Jack Price, trumpet

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

Leader: The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

**People: except what I have in my wallet, except my nest egg, except my house payment,**

Leader: The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

**People: Forgive us Lord when we withhold. Forgive us Lord when we depend on ourselves rather than you. Forgive us Lord when we neglect to give thanks for the means you have provided.**

Leader: The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

**People: Praise the Lord of All, the King of Glory!**

\* Hymn No. 131

*We Gather Together*

Special Music

*How Deep the Father's Love For Us*

Jack Price, trumpet

Why We Give

Offertory

*We Are Not Alone*

Chancel Choir  
Mette Shultz, 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. 349                                *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Scripture Reading                                *Genesis 12:2-3*                                CEB

Sermon    *Blessed to be a Blessing*                                Pastor Nathan Decker

Holy Communion  
Special Music                                        *Were You There? with  
There Is a Balm in Gilead*                                Jack Price, trumpet

\* Hymn No. 140                                        *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

\* Benediction

\* Choral Amen

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

<sup>1</sup> <https://worshipswake.wordpress.com/2015/04/13/call-to-worship-from-psalm-24/>

# Calendar

March 3, 2024 – March 10, 2024

<p>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 Key Club Board-116              12:15 PM Plant &amp; Seed Swap-DFH              2:15 PM Confirmation-Annex              4:00 PM Youth Activities- Annex</p> <p>Mon: 10:00 AM Stephen Min. Training-226              6:00 PM Stum &amp; Smile- Music Suite              6:30 PM Boy/Cub Scouts              7:00 PM Jean Craig Fellowship -205              7:30 PM Beginner Music Reading-              Music Suite</p> <p>Tues: 10:30 AM Joy Singers              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-213</p>	<p>Wed: 10:00 AM Visitation Team-226              11:00 AM The Gospel Truth- 205              12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline              5:00 PM Key Club Dinner-DFH              5:45 PM Handbell Choir-Music Suite              6:30 PM Crew-206              7:00 PM Chancel Choir-Music Suite</p> <p>Thurs: 11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer-              Trinity UMC              1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor              6:30 PM Spanish Class-220              6:30 PM Women's Book Club-Parlor              7:00 PM ESL- 205, 214, 221, 226</p> <p>Fri:              Sat:</p> <p><b>Next Sunday: March 10, 2024</b>  <b>Girl Scout Sunday</b>              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              12:15 PM Bridge Builders-116              2:15 PM Confirmation- Annex              4:00 PM Youth Activities- Annex</p>
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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
March 10	8:30/ 11:00 Creating a Legacy for Generation Upon Generation. 9:45 Renewal of the Heart	Luke 12:13-21 Romans 2:17-29
March 17	Three Rules of Financial Stewardship	Luke 16:1-13

***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.

**Preschool Fundraiser:** Today, in the Welcome Center. This year CUMC Preschool has incorporated nursery rhymes into their reading month, filled with crafts, stories and songs. In honor of this month's theme, we are having a Nursery Rhyme Fundraiser. CUMC Preschool Alumni students from kindergarten to college illustrated their favorite nursery rhyme to display. The preschool is asking our congregation to vote on their favorite picture by donating money into the jars at each illustration in the Welcome Center. The money collected will go toward the preschool scholarship grant to assist families who experience financial hardship. We encourage you to vote and donate, today! Thank you for your dedicated support of the CUMC Preschool!

**Plant & Seed Swap:** *Today*, 12:15 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. Meet other green thumbs and green thumbs wannabes, swap seeds, share plants, and maybe talk a little dirt!

**Confirmation:** Begins today, March 3, 10, 24, 2:15 PM– 3:45 PM, Annex.

A confirmation service will take place during worship on *Sunday, April 7*.

POCs: Pastor Chad or Julianna Paradie. [julianaparadie@chesterumc.org](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

**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. Use this QR code to sign up. POC: Juliana Paradie

[julianaparadie@chesterumc.org](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)



**Women's 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.

**Easter Musical:** The Chancel Choir presents "Come to the Cross and Remember." All are welcome for this concert of worship. *Sunday, March 24, at 8:30 and 11 AM; Monday, March 25, at 7:00 PM, and Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 PM (this presentation will include communion as part of Holy Thursday).*



**Glow-in-the-Dark Easter Egg Hunt:** NEW TIME AND LOCATION-- Saturday, March 30 at 7:30 PM, Thomas Dale High School soccer field. Please register your children through the QR code provided and you will receive a free glow in the dark gift. POC: Juliana Paradie [julianaparadie@chesterumc.org](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

**KEEP IN PRAYER:** The family of Susan Henry; Bill Johnson; Kevan Spiers; The family of Sally Tolbert; Michael Marretti; Casey Jones and family; The family of Steve Gilliatt; Mary Ann Bellamy; Elizabeth Cave; Dollie & Malcom Stone; The family of Douglas Spurlock; Becca Petrey; Dave King; Penny Creed; Bryan Mannetta; Joe & Diane Mannetta; Dick Weis; Summer Vaughn; Margie Donald; Janis Hargrave; Lynda Richardson; Charles Smith; Sandra Cherny; Charles Cressell; Karen Cole; Mary Tyree; Billy Hopson; Ken Farmer; Marie Purdue; Dee Watkins; Susie Hall; Carolyn Maxwell; Ella Hilton; Erika Hilton; Jo Kiser; Clara Gestwick.

**Our Presence February 25, 2024**

8:30 Fresh Start ..... 79  
 9:45 Bridge..... 60  
 11:00 Traditions ..... 171  
 Online..... 42  
**Total Worship Attendance ..... 352**

**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, 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, Tracey Kellam
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>8:30, 9:45, 11:00</b>	Staff Members: Carla Adams, Samantha Garcia

**Lenten Study- The Gospel Truth:** Virtually, Sundays, (March 10, 17) from 6:30 PM-7:30 PM. In-Person- Wednesdays (March 6, 13, and 20) from 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM, Room 205. 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*. 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)

**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. Survey deadline is March 3. Use this link to take the Cremation Garden Survey. <https://forms.gle/7ep1LQDaByeyBtGw8>

**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.

**Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, March 10, 2024**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Steve & Joan Osborne	
	<b>9:45</b>	Donna Nunery	
	<b>11:00</b>	Jim Rhodes, Marian Perkins	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Wendell Landis*, Ron Dombrowski	* Head Usher
	<b>9:45</b>	Jim Watkins*, JR Irvin	
	<b>11:00</b>	Beth Stewart*, Emory Large, Herb McCulloch, Willie Orton, Tom Petrey	
<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. We are starting the book, *When All Else Fails, Read the Instructions*, by James Moore. POC: Cynthia Corley ([caacorley@ctsi.net](mailto:caacorley@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: [lisajostanfield@gmail.com](mailto: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](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

**Chester UMC Pictorial Directory:** Fill out the pink form in this bulletin and take it to the Davis Fellowship Hall to have your picture taken today! We will be taking pictures 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).

**Easter Lilies to Beautify Our Sanctuary:** Deadline to order is Sunday, March 17. Find the order form in this bulletin. The cost is \$15 per pot. Please submit your order with payment. Easter Lilies will adorn our church and can be taken home after the 11:00 AM Easter Sunday Service.

**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.

**Backpack Ministry:** Your donations, especially new or increased ones, will help us answer the needs. 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.

**Stephen Ministry:** Love One Another as I Have Loved You. In John 15:12, Jesus says, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” Loving and caring for one another is not just the pastor’s job. It is something Jesus calls us all to do! Stephen Ministry is a ministry in which people with special gifts and can put those gifts to use in bringing Jesus’ love to those who most need it. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care; to help that person experience the healing power of Christ’s love. Call Steve Osborne at 407-921-0237.



**Easter Cards for Veterans:** due Sunday, March 24. Share the Easter message or “Happy Spring” wishes with the veterans at McGuire Hospital and Sitter-Barfoot Veterans Care Center. You may write things like “I am grateful for your service and sacrifice,” “etc. DO NOT sign your last name. Address envelopes “To a Special Veteran,” “To a Hero,” “Happy Easter,” and please DO NOT seal. Place cards in the Sharing Bin outside the Welcome Center or in the box in the Missions Closet. Thank you for your cards and notes. Barbara MacIntyre [tellulwhatabarbara@aim.com](mailto:tellulwhatabarbara@aim.com)

**VBS Volunteers Needed:** We are looking for VBS Volunteers to help 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 -VBS is around the corner. June 24-28 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. 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)

**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. Includes any adults that would like to volunteer and teens that would like to attend. Price: \$195 per person. For details of the weekend, use this link: <https://journeyweekend.com/> POC: Juliana at [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



**CUMC Arts & Crafts Show:** Saturday, April 27, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, 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).

**Texting In Church!** We are excited to have a texting ministry to help connect us as the Body of Christ. This helps us connect with guests, sign up for small groups and ministry opportunities, 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 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 add your name to the Pew Pad Activity Sheet today or email the Church Office at [office@chesterumc.org](mailto:office@chesterumc.org), or call us at 804-748-6006.

**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 florist.

**Easter Egg Hunt Candy Donations Needed:** 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 in the Missions Closet. POC: [julianaparadie@chesterumc.org](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

**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.

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# CHOIR CONCERT

Sunday, March 24 \* 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Monday, March 25 \* 7:00 PM

Thursday, March 28 \* 7:00 PM

Help beautify our sanctuary with Easter Lilies!  
Stop by the church office or use the form in the  
Sunday bulletin to order by Sunday, March 17.

