

# Please Join Us for Worship

## Easter Sunday March 31

6:30 AM Sunrise Service on Annex Lawn  
8:30 AM Contemporary Worship  
9:45 AM Southern Gospel Worship  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship

### Chester United Methodist Church

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COME *to the* CROSS  
*and*  
REMEMBER



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

**Monday, March 25 \* 7:00 PM**

**Thursday, March 28 \* 7:00 PM**

***Chester United Methodist Church***

**PROGRAM**

Come to the Cross and Remember

The Messiah Has Come

Bring the Cup and the Bread

Love Filled the Cup

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Bring the Thirty Silver Coins

Judas

Bring the Robe and the Crown

Surely He Has Borne Our Grievs

O Sacred Hands, Now Wounded

You Will Be with Me in Paradise

*Duet: Mette Shultz & Dawn Kunnecke*

*Solo: Rick Poole*

Hold the Shroud in Your Hands

Never Walk Alone

*Solo: Joshua Wortham*

Waitin' for the Mornin'

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Every Knee Shall Bow

**LEADING OUR WORSHIP**

Nathan Decker, *Lead Pastor*

Chad Beck, *Associate Pastor*

Joshua N. Wortham, *Minister of Music*  
Juliana Paradie, *Family Ministries*

Linda D'Agostino, *Narrator*  
Keith Boyd, *Narrator*  
Vince D'Agostino, *Altar Artist*

Charles Green, *Piano*  
Jean Wallace, *Organ*  
Gary Williams, *Percussion*  
Jack Price, *Trumpet*  
Sage Wright, *Violin*  
Chris Johnston, *Violin*  
Kristen Presley, *Violin (Thursday)*  
Brenda Johnson, *Viola*  
Carmen Dodl, *Viola (Thursday)*  
Sydney Von Wilson, *Cello*  
Alex Kehayas, *Bass*  
Heidi Thurmond, *Flute*  
Jen Fournelle, *Flute (Thursday)*  
Ben Grondahl, *Clarinet*  
Daniel Edwards, *Oboe*  
Gretchen Georgas, *Horn*  
Rebecca Hodel, *Projections*  
James Hargraves, *Sound Tech*  
Elijah Decker, *Livestream*

### **NEVER WALK ALONE**

Arms stretched out wide, barely hanging  
onto life. Left to suffer on your own. You  
came for all mankind to bridge the great  
divide. Somehow you ended up alone.

Because of all the blood and tears you shed I  
will never know that kind of loneliness.  
Your spirit never leaves me, even when I'm  
hurting. I don't have to bear that burden on  
my own. You carried all the pain and buried

all the shame when you made that rugged tree your righteous throne. Because of you, I'll never walk alone. You came here as a man. I know you understand what it's like to walk these roads. My problems can't compare to that crown you had to wear. Still, you take them as your own. Because of all the blood and tears you shed I will never know that kind of loneliness. Your spirit never leaves me, even when I'm hurting. I don't have to bear that burden on my own. You carried all the pain and buried all the shame when you made that rugged tree your righteous throne. Because of you, I'll never walk alone.

### **WAITIN' FOR THE MORNIN'**

Waitin' for the mornin' when the sun is gonna rise. O when I'm prayin' on my knees, and my heart is gripped with agony, I'm waitin' for the mornin' when the sun is gonna rise, gonna rise up! I'm waitin' and though the shadows of pain and death try to shroud my soul with hopelessness, I'm waitin' for the morning' when the sun is gonna rise. Waitin' for the mornin' when the sun is gonna rise, sun is gonna rise. Waitin' for the waitin' the mornin'. I'm waitin' for the mornin', waitin' for the mornin' when the sun is gonna rise. When my joy and strength are almost gone, I'm gonna keep the faith and just hold on, 'cause I'm waitin' for the mornin' when the sun is gonna rise, gonna rise up! And when the darkness tries to overcome, it won't last forever and will

soon be done, so I'm waitin for the mornin' when the sun is gonna rise. Waitin' for the mornin' when the sun is gonna rise, gonna rise, gonna rise, gonna rise. Waitin' for the mornin' when the sun is gonna rise. Waitin' for the mornin', when the sun is surely gonna rise, gonna rise. Mornin' sun gonna rise, gonna rise!

### **EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW**

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow. At the name of Jesus, every tongue confess that the name of Jesus is high above all names. Let every voice proclaim, "Christ is Lord." He took the very form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men. He humbled Himself to be obedient unto death, even death on a cross. At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow. At the name of Jesus, every tongue confess that the name of Jesus is high above all names. Let every voice proclaim, "Christ is Lord." Wherefore God has highly exalted Him and has given Him a name above all names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Christ is Lord. At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow. At the name of Jesus, every tongue confess that the name of Jesus is high above all names. Let every voice proclaim, "Christ is Lord. He is Lord." Let every knee bow; let every tongue confess Christ is Lord, Christ is Lord, Lord of all!

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**March 24, 2024**

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

**Palm Sunday**

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Welcome, Announcements, & Greeting

Prelude

*The Palms*

Chancel Choir

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

Leader: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

**People: Hosanna! Rejoice for the Lord is in our midst.**

Leader: He comes with joy and hope.

**People: He comes to set us free from fear.**

Leader: Hosanna!

**People: Hosanna! Glory to God in the Highest Heaven. Amen.**

\* Hymn No. 277

*Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

Children's Message (8:30)

Juliana Paradie

Why We Give

Offertory

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

Jack Price, trumpet

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

*Come to the Cross and Remember*

Chancel Choir

\* Benediction

\* Choral Amen

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

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3662/worship-connection-palm-sunday-2022>

**COME TO THE CROSS AND  
REMEMBER**

O come to the cross and remember,  
remember the Lord's final days; all the love  
Jesus showed as He walked the final road.  
Come remember, come remember.

**THE MESSIAH HAS COME**

Bring your palm branches; there's joy in the street. "Hosanna, hosanna" the voices repeat. There is shouting and waving to this blessed one, for this is the day the Messiah has come. Join the procession and burst into song, and join with the voices of heaven's great throng. There's praising, celebrating that never is done, for this is the day the Messiah has come. Sing hosanna, sing

hosanna to the Son. Sing hosanna, sing, the great Messiah come. Look in the faces; the pain melts away, for years of praying are answered today. The crying and grieving for now, it is done, for this is the day the Messiah has come. Lay down your pain; lay down your grief. Rest from your burdens; find relief. Finish your prayers of worry and fear. Lift up your head, the Lord is here! Join the procession and burst into song, and join with the voices of heaven's great throng. There's praising, celebrating that never is done, for this is the day the Messiah has come. Lift up your head; the Messiah has come.

### **BRING THE CUP AND THE BREAD**

Bring the cup and the bread to remember how He shared with disciples on that night, how He offered up the cup of His sacrificial love. We remember, we remember.

### **LOVE FILLED THE CUP**

Love filled the cup; Love broke the bread, poured out and broken for you. Come, take the cup; come, take the bread, for they are poured out and broken for you. Love filled the cup, Love broke the bread, and it was poured out and broken for you. Come, take the cup; Come, take the bread, poured out and broken for you. Father, I am Your Son; now come and make them one, one through love, so that the world will see their love and unity, and all will know, their lives will show; they'll show that Love fills the cup; Love breaks the bread, poured out and broken for you. Come, take the cup; come, take the bread, poured out and broken for you. Love fills the cup, Love breaks the bread, poured out and broken for you.

### **GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE**

Go to dark Gethsemane as we bring the garden's flowers. "Take this cup away from Me." Hear Him pray that darkest hour. "Not My will; I am Your Son. Let Your holy will be done."

### **BRING THE THIRTY SILVER COINS**

Bring the thirty silver coins and remember how Judas betrayed Him for this price. With the torch and the sword, they came to seize the Lord. We remember, we remember.

### **JUDAS**

Judas. Judas. Where have you been tonight?

We wonder where you might have gone.

Judas. Judas. What is that in your face? We think we see a trace of guilt or disgrace. Is it

shame, or is it hate? O Judas. Judas. With torches, they appear. How could you bring them here, O Judas? Judas? How could you

come to this? You betray Him with your kiss, with your kiss of treachery, and your kiss will surely lead to His death! Judas.

Judas. Now what is left? Can you live with yourself and know whom you served, whom you loved, whom you lived for, and know what you did, whom you betrayed, whom you sent to die? Judas. Judas. Judas.

### **BRING THE ROBE AND THE CROWN**

Bring the robe and crown of thorns and remember how they called Jesus, "King of the Jews." But they mocked Him with the name and heaped upon Him shame. We remember, we remember.

### **SURELY HE HAS BORNE OUR GRIEFS**

Surely He has borne our griefs, and He has carried all our sorrows; yet we have thought

Him to be stricken, struck down by God, struck down by God and afflicted. Surely He has borne our griefs, Surely he has borne our griefs, and He has carried all our sorrows; and He has carried all. Yet we have thought Him to be stricken, struck down by God, struck down by God and afflicted. He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for all our iniquities, and with His stripes we are healed. He was wounded for our transgressions. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed. Surely He has borne our griefs, and He has carried all our sorrows; yet we have thought Him to be stricken, stuck down by God, struck down by God and afflicted. He bore our griefs and all our sorrows. He was wounded and afflicted. He was bruised, and with His stripes we are healed! With His stripes we are healed.

### **O SACRED HANDS, NOW WOUNDED**

O sacred hands, now wounded and nailed upon a tree; the feet that walked on water are pierced by cruelty. How could love be so precious and bought at such a cost? The Lord of earth and heaven now hangs upon a cross.

### **YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE**

You will be with Me in paradise. Remember me, O Lord. Remember me when You reach Your heavenly throne. You are my only hope for heaven. I put my trust in You alone. Remember me You will be with Me in paradise. When my body is just too weary to live another day on this earth. Lord, lift me up into Your Kingdom and give my soul a second birth. Remember me. You will be with me in paradise. In My Father's house are many mansions. I'll prepare a place for you. In My father's house are many mansions. I will come to bring you home. I will come again. I will come again, come to bring you home. Remember me, O Lord when I come before Your throne. You are my hope for heaven. I will trust in you alone. Remember me. I will welcome you.

### **HOLD THE SHROUD IN YOUR HANDS**

Hold the shroud in your hands and remember how His body was wrapped into the cloth. In the grave's darkened room, they sealed Him in a tomb. We remember, we remember.

## **Calendar**

*March 24, 2024 – March 31, 2024*

### **Today**

8:15 AM	Nursery until 12 PM	1:15 PM	Suenos Christmas Mission Team Meeting- Annex
8:30 AM	Easter Concert-Sanctuary	2:15 PM	Confirmation- Annex
9:45 AM	No Bridge Worship	4:00 PM	Youth Activities- Annex
	Sun Sch PreK-107	Mon: 9:00 AM	Stephen Leaders-116
	Sun Sch Gr K-5-206	10:00 AM	Stephen Min. Training-226
	Adult SS-Variou	11:00 AM	Egg Stuffing- DFH
11:00 AM	Easter Concert-Sanctuary	6:00 PM	Stum & Smile- Music Suite



*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!*

	6:30 PM Boy/Cub Scouts	7:00 PM ESL-205, 214, 221, 226
	7:00 PM Easter Concert- Sanctuary	Fri: 5:00 PM Egg Stuffing- DFH
	7:30 PM Beginner Music Reading-Music Suite	Sat: 1:30 PM Boy Scouts Trp 2815- DFH
Tues:	10:30 AM Joy Singers	7:30 PM Easter Egg Hunt- TDHS Front Field
	11:00 AM Easter Egg Stuffing-DFH	
	3:00 PM Rest Stop	
	7:00 PM ESL-205, 214, 221, 226	<b>Next Sunday: Easter, March 31, 2024</b>
Wed:	11:00 AM The Gospel Truth- 205	6:30 AM Sunrise Worship Service- Annex Lawn
	12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline	8:15 AM Nursery until 12 PM
	5:45 PM No Handbell Choir	8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship- DFH
		9:45 AM Bridge Worship-Sanctuary
		Sun Sch PreK-107
		Sun Sch Gr K-5-206
		Adult SS-Variou
Thurs:	7:00 PM No Chancel Choir	11:00 AM Traditions Worship Service-Sanctuary
	11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer- Trinity UMC	
	11:00 AM Egg Stuffing- DFH	
	1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor	
	4:00 PM Egg Stuffing-DFH	
	5:30 PM Girl Scouts-204, 206	
	7:00 PM Easter Concert with Communion- Sanctuary	

### **Holy Week Worship Schedule**

Monday, March 25	7:00 PM Easter Musical
Thursday, March 28	7:00 PM Easter Musical with Communion
Holy Thursday	
Sunday, March 31	6:30 AM Sunrise Service on Annex Lawn
Easter Sunday	8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship Service
	9:45 AM The Bridge Service
	11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

**Our Parish Nurse**, Cindy Webb is available today, 9:00 AM, Room 105.

**Chester UMC Pictorial Directory**: Photographers are here TODAY! Swing by the Davis Fellowship Hall to have your picture taken! We will be taking pictures between services for the

entire month of March, except for March 24- only at 9:45 AM. If you provide your own picture, please indicate (left to right) the names of all in the photo. You may send your digital photo and questions to Mary Musselwhite at [softshl1@gmail.com](mailto:softshl1@gmail.com).

**Easter Cards for Veterans:** *Due Today.* Share the Easter message or “Happy Spring” wishes with the veterans at Richmond VA Medical Center and Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center. Please do not sign your last name and 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. POC: Barbara MacIntyre [tellulwhatabarbara@aim.com](mailto:tellulwhatabarbara@aim.com)

**Easter Musical:** *Monday, March 25, at 7:00 PM, and Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 PM.* The Chancel Choir presents "Come to the Cross and Remember." All are welcome for this concert of worship. **The service will include communion on Holy Thursday.**

**Volunteers Needed to Fill Easter Eggs:** Please join us to fill Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Meet in the Fellowship Hall. Monday, March 25 at 11:00 AM, Tuesday, March 26 at 11:00 AM, Thursday, March 28 at 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Friday, March 29 at 5:00 PM. POC: Juliana Paradie [juliannaparadie@chestreumc.org](mailto:juliannaparadie@chestreumc.org)

**Glow-in -the-Dark Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday, March 30, 7:30 PM, Thomas Dale High School Soccer Field. Registration is full. POC: Juliana Paradie [julianaparadie@chesterumc.org](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

**Abukloi, Together We Can Do It!** Sunday, April 7, 12:00 PM, Room 226 (Upper Room). You are invited to join Rev. Marg Kutz and Harold Crowder, immediately following the 11:00 AM worship, as they present their recent visit to South Sudan for the school’s 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and sixth graduation. Light refreshments will be provided. POC: Marg Kutz and Harold Crowder.

**KEEP IN PRAYER:** The family of Susan Henry; Bill Johnson; Kevan Spiers; Michael Marretti; Casey Jones and family; Mary Ann Bellamy; Elizabeth Cave; Dollie & Malcom Stone; Becca Petrey; Penny Creed; Bryan Manna; Joe & Diane Manna; 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.

**Our Presence March 17, 2024**

8:30 Fresh Start..... 79  
9:45 Bridge..... 49

11:00 Traditions..... 159  
 Online..... 45  
**Total Worship Attendance..... 332**

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- **Website:** [www.chesterumc.org](http://www.chesterumc.org).
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- **Instagram:** [Instagram.com/chesterumc](https://www.instagram.com/chesterumc)
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- **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 24. 2024**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Donna Nunery	
	<b>11:00</b>	Sharon Buchanan, Janis Hargrave	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Gordon Morris*, Ron Dombrowski	* Head Usher
	<b>11:00</b>	Gordon Morris*, Dean Hutchins, Bob Kutz, Tom Petrey, Scott Pugh	
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>8:30, 9:45, 11:00</b>	Staff Members: Carla Adams, Samantha Garcia	

are still needed. No chocolate or nuts, please. If you are interested in donating, please contact Juliana Paradie or drop off donations in the Missions Closet.  
 POC: Juliana Paradie [julianaparadie@chesterumc.org](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

**Plant & Seed Swap:** Sunday, April 7, 12:15 PM. in the 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! POC: Katey Petrey McCarney, 804/402-0084.

**A Place of Miracles** is collecting gently used pillows and bed linens for people in need, living along the Rt.1 Corridor in need. Please drop off your donations in the Church Mission Closet. Diane Merryman wishes to express her gratitude.

POC: Diane Merryman (804) 586-4189 [dianemerryman@gmail.com](mailto:dianemerryman@gmail.com)



**Small Group Study- How To Reach New People.** Tuesdays, 6:00 PM, April 23 through May 21, Annex. 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!* Or, use this QR code to join the Study. POC: Pastor Nathan Decker

**ESL Volunteers and Food Donations:** As we continue to embrace, love, and **provide an impact with our neighbors, we are serving by providing English as a Second Language (ESL)** classes to about 30 adults. Many come directly after work on Tuesdays and Thursdays, so we are providing them with a snack. We are in need of food providers and servers for May. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lynn Crump at 804-513-0260 or [lynncrumppla@gmail.com](mailto:lynncrumppla@gmail.com). Thank you for your service and prayers.

**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 or email* Juliana Paradie. Please do not forget to send two or three pictures, no later than April 21, so we can include you in our PowerPoint presentation.  
POC: Juliana Paradie [julianaparadie@chesterumc.org](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

### **Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, March 31, 2024**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Andy & Eileen Steck
	<b>9:45</b>	Cathy Epps
	<b>11:00</b>	Hunter Beazley, Martha Miles
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer
	<b>9:45</b>	Linda D'Agostino*, JR Irvin
	<b>11:00</b>	Gordon Morris*, Dean Hutchins, Bob Kutz, Tom Petrey, Scott Pugh
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>8:30, 9:45, 11:00</b>	Staff Members: Carla Adams, Samantha Garcia

**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. This study traces events around these characters 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 [1bseward@comcast.net](mailto:1bseward@comcast.net), /Andrew Brummette.

**Journey Sunday School Class:** 9:45 AM, Annex and Google Meet, Join by video link: <https://meet.google.com/ptm-pieh-yve>. Beginning in March we will start the book "God is Speaking" authored by our Senior Pastor, Nathan Decker. The book has a guide to reading the Bible. If you need assistance acquiring the book please let me know.  
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. Now until March 31, the Seekers will have a special Lenten study using J. Ellsworth Kalas' book, Easter From The Backside. 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 ([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))

**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)

**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 POC: Maureen Coker at [mcoker2003@comcast.net](mailto:mcoker2003@comcast.net)

### **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)

**Suenos ESL Classes:** Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM, Rooms 205, 214, 221, 226. POC: Pastor Chad Beck ([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)

**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)

**Women's Fellowship Luncheon:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, Join us at a local restaurant for good food and great conversation. 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:** Thursday, April 4, (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday), 6:30 PM, Parlor. Our next book is "Barefoot.: A Story of Surrendering to God", by Sharon Garlough Brown. Amazon link <https://a.co/d/eHucOmm>. 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

**What is Bridge Builders?** Next meeting, Sunday, April 14, 12:15 PM, Room 116. Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God -Micah 6:8. If you feel called to build relationships in the community; fostering understanding and appreciation of our differences then other ways to support us, pray for the men in the HARP (Helping Addicts Recover Progressively Program), become a pen pal, provide monetary donation for study books, and pray for those going into the jail ministering to these men. POC: Maureen Coker at [maureencoker2023@comcast.net](mailto:maureencoker2023@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, April 1, this is not a joke, (first Mondays) 7:00 PM, Room 205. Kandy Baker will lead us in an activity to cut and tie throw blankets for Tyler’s Retreat. Bring \$10 to cover the cost of materials and good fabric scissors if you have them. Call Susan Petrey for details, 804-938-5396.
- ♦ **Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship:** Thursday, April 11, (Second Thursdays), 10:30 AM, Room 226, for a time of Christian fellowship. POC: Martha Miles, 804-748-5476.

**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.

**Confirmation Mission Project:** The 2024 Confirmation class has decided to make our mission project the Backpack Ministry. This is a ministry within our church that provides food for two local elementary schools. Suggested donations are peanut butter, canned tuna, canned chicken, pop tarts, chewy bars, mac-n-cheese, canned pasta, ramen soups, applesauce cups, oatmeal, tuna helper, rice-a-roni, pasta-roni and instant potatoes. We will have a bin in the mission closet and would appreciate all donations by April 6. On April 7, as a group, we will organize and pack meals. Thank you for your support. POC: Jennifer Brame [jrbrooksieeee@gmail.com](mailto:jrbrooksieeee@gmail.com)

**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.

### **Stephen Ministry: Sometimes It’s Hard to Ask for Help**

We’re brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it is a sign of weakness. So we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. However, that’s not God’s plan. Galatians 6:2 says, “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” God wants us to care for others—and allow others to care for us in our time of need. If you’re sad or struggling inside, don’t suffer alone. Ask for help. We’ve got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. (It’s confidential too). Find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: Our Stephen Ministers are there to care! For more information, call our Referral Coordinator, Steve Osborne at (407) 921-0227.



**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:** Register your child today! June 24-28 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. Please start registering your children using the QR Code. This registration is for children that turn age 4 by Sept. 1 through children entering 6th grade. POC: Juliana Paradie [julianaparadie@chesterumc.org](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

**Choir Tour 2024** - June 14-19 to Pigeon Forge, TN. We still have room for a few "roadies" to join us on the bus! We will spend 4 of the 5 nights in a giant cabin in Pigeon Forge and wrap up with a stop in Blacksburg on the way home. The approximate cost is \$1,000 per person (includes bus, accommodations, most meals, and a few excursions/activities). Contact Joshua Wortham ([music@chesterumc.org](mailto:music@chesterumc.org)) ASAP if you want to reserve your seat or find out more!

**Chester UMC Men:** BOLO!! If you are seeking to give and receive ...

- Fellowship
- Mentorship
- Service to Church and Community
- Study of The Word of God

... with other men then 'Be on the Lookout' for upcoming news regarding our United Methodist Men! Remember that "IRON SHARPENS IRON" (*Proverbs 27:17*), be blessed and be a blessing to others!

POC: Brion Seward [1bseward@comcast.net](mailto:1bseward@comcast.net)

**Chester UMC Arts & Crafts Show:** Saturday, April, 27, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Rain-or-Shine Davis Fellowship Hall & Welcome Center Parking Lot. FREE ADMISSION!  
Peruse handmade crafts from CUMC crafters and many more. Don't miss this opportunity to pick up a few Mother's Day gifts while you browse. Breakfast and lunch items will also be on sale. If you craft and are interested in obtaining a space, or know someone else who might be interested, download the application at <https://chesterumc.org/craft-show/>. More information is listed on the application. Cost \$60 for an outside 10' by 10' space. *Make checks payable* to Chester United Methodist Women and mail with your application to: Chester United Methodist Women, Attn: Katey McCarney,



12132 Percival Street, Chester VA 23831. POCs: Katey Petrey McCarney  
[CUMCcraftshow@gmail.com](mailto:CUMCcraftshow@gmail.com) (804) 402-0084 and Susan Petrey (804) 938-5396.

**Ladies Afternoon Tea:** Saturday, 2:00 PM– 4:00 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall,  
sponsored by the Chancel Choir. Prizes and lively entertainment. Tickets:  
\$25/adult, \$15/child(ren) -age 14 and under.



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# Mark Kroos

Concert of Worship

Chester UMC

Sunday, April 7th

11 AM Service

12132 Percival St

Chester, VA

Scan this code with your  
camera to watch Mark  
play "Come Together"



Photo Courtesy of Angie Ennis

**Mark Kroos In Concert** Sunday, April 7, at 11:00 AM, Sanctuary. Our favorite singer-songwriter presents a concert of worship as he shares original music, thoughts on life and faith, and wows us with his unique double neck guitar tapping! Mark was the winner of Guitar Player Magazine's Guitar Superstar Competition in 2011. [www.markkroos.com](http://www.markkroos.com)