



March 31, 2024, 9:45 AM



NO BRIDGE
WORSHIP
SERVICE
SUNDAY
APRIL 7

WORSHIP MUSIC

Boundless Love
Are You Washed in the Blood?
Glory To His Name
How Do I Know?

SPECIAL MUSIC

They Could Not
Joshua Wortham

SCRIPTURE

John 20:1, 11-18 CEB

MESSAGE

The Apple of His Eye
Pastor Chad Beck

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

March 31, 2024—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Let God Arise
This Is Amazing Grace
My Savior Lives
Glorious Day

SPECIAL MUSIC

They Could Not
Joshua Wortham

SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-10
John 21:4-8
NRSVUE

MESSAGE

Resurrection in Our Relationships
Pastor Nathan Decker

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March 31, 2024

A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

Easter Sunday

Welcome, Announcements, & Greeting

Prelude

Resurrection Celebration

Organist

* Call to Worship¹

Leader: Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope. Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader: We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen, indeed.

Leader: We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always.

People: Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed. Thanks be to God.

* Opening Prayer¹

O God, bless us this morning with resurrection rampage – a rampage that summons us to shout yes to the birth of new creation in our midst. May we experience the birthquakes of new life in our lives and in our congregation. The Son is up! And we are up with the Son, despite all those things that seek to pull us down to despair. We are your Easter people. Amen.

* Hymn No. 302

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Stanzas 1-4

* Affirmation of Faith No. 881

* Gloria Patri No. 70

Glory be to the father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Anthem

At the Name of Jesus

Chancel Choir

Why We Give

Juliana Paradie

Offertory

They Could Not

Joshua Wortham

* 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. 177

He Is Lord

Scripture Reading

John 20:1-10, John 21:4-8

NRSVUE

Sermon

Resurrection in Our Relationships

Pastor Nathan Decker

* Hymn No. 310

He Lives

* Benediction

* Choral Amen

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

¹ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2506/worship-elements-march-31-2024>

Chester UMC ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

Saturday, April, 27, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Rain-or-Shine
Davis Fellowship Hall & Welcome Center Parking Lot

Reserve Your Craft Space ASAP

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 Church 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) / 804/402-0084
Susan Mundell Petrey (804/938-5396)



Ladies' Afternoon Tea: Saturday, April 23. **SOLD OUT!** Thank you, Church Family, for your overwhelming support of the annual Chancel Choir Tea.



Youth Sunday: On Sunday, April 28th at our 830am service, we will have our amazing teenagers preaching and participating in many ways throughout the worship. Please invite your family and friends and see our teenagers in action. POC: Juliana Paradie (julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

Children's Service: On Sunday, April 14th, our KIDZ ZONE kids will be participating in our 830am service. There will be interpretive dance, and involvement from our kids in different ways during worship. Please invite your friends.

POC: Juliana Paradie (julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

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



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 Annis

Calendar

March 31, 2024 – April 7, 2024

Today-Easter Sunday

- 6:30 AM Sunrise Worship-Annex Lawn
- 8:15 AM Nursery until 12 PM
- 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-Various
- 11:00 AM Traditions Worship-Sanctuary

Mon: CUMC Office Closed

- 10:00 AM Stephen Min. Training-226
- 11:00 AM Egg Stuffing- DFH
- 6:00 PM Stum & Smile- Music Suite
- 6:30 PM Boy/Cub Scouts
- 7:00 PM Jean Craig-Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 PM Beginner Music Reading-Music Suite

- Tues:**
- 10:30 AM *NO Joy Singers*
 - 2:00 PM Stephen Ministers-226
 - 3:00 PM Rest Stop
 - 7:00 PM ESL-205, 214, 221,226

- Wed:**
- 10:00 AM Visitation Team-226
 - 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
 - 5:45 PM Handbell Choir-Music Suite

- 6:30 PM Crew-206
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir-Music Suite
- Thurs:** 11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer-Trinity UMC
- 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor
- 6:30 PM Women’s Christian Book Club- Parlor
- 7:00 PM ESL-205, 214, 221, 226
- Fri:** 6:30 PM Suenos Health & Safety for Latino Families- DFH
- Sat:**

Next Sunday: April 7, 2024

- 8:15 AM Nursery until 12 PM
- 8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship-Confirmation -DFH
- 9:45 AM ***No Bridge Worship***
Sun Sch PreK-107
Sun Sch Gr K-5-206
Adult SS-Various
- 11:00 AM Traditions Worship-Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Key Club Board-116
- 12:00 PM Abukloi Presentation-226
- 12:15 PM Plant & Seed Swap-DFH
- 4:00 PM No Youth Activities

Sunday Worship Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
April 7	Living in the Light	1 John 1:1-2:2

*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!*

We Celebrate the Holy Baptism of *Beau Matthew James*, son of Matthew Lloyd James and Kaitie Elizabeth James, who was born October 13, 2023. Beau's big sisters are Bailey Reese James and Blakely Mae James. Paternal Grandparents are Alan and Tonya James, and Maternal Grandparents are Steve and Debbie Freed.

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 today and the first two Sundays in April. 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.

Jean Craig Fellowship: Monday, April 1, 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall. 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. POC: Susan Petrey for 804-938-5396.

Women's Christian Book Club: Thursday, April 4, 6:30 PM, Parlor.
POC: Jennifer Brame jrbrooksiee@gmail.com

Sueños Health & Safety for Latino Families: Friday, April 5, 6:30 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. Variety of topics, good food, childcare provided. POC: Pastor Chad chadbeck@chesterumc.org

Abukloi, Together We Can Do It! Sunday, April 7, 12:00 PM, Room 226 (Upper Room). All are invited to join Rev. Marg Kutz and Harold Crowder, immediately following the 11:00 AM Worship Service, as they present their recent visit to South Sudan for the school's 10th anniversary celebration and sixth graduation. Light refreshments will be provided.
POCs: Marg Kutz margkutz72@gmail.com and Harold Crowder hcrowderjr@gmail.com.

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.

UMCOR Kits for Conference: Due Sunday, April 7! Pick up an "assignment ticket" from the display in the Atrium, today! Please drop off the assigned items to the collection box in the Church Missions Closet. POC: Susan Petrey 804-938-5396.

KEEP IN PRAYER: Rev. Ed Garrett; 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 24, 2024

8:30 AM Easter Concert..... 199
 11:00 AM Easter Concert..... 399
 Online..... 56
Total Worship Attendance..... 654

March 25 7:00 PM Easter Concert 223

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, March 31, 2024

Greeters:	8:30	Andy & Eileen Steck	
	9:45	Cathy Epps	
	11:00	Hunter Beazley, Martha Miles	
Ushers:	8:30	Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer	* Head Usher
	9:45	Linda D’Agostino*, JR Irvin	
	11:00	Will Herrmann*, Geoff LeSueur, Steve & Joan Osborne, Tom Petrey	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:45, 11:00	Staff Members: Carla Adams, Samantha Garcia	

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

Texting In Church! 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 get a weekly text from CUMC about ways you can get involved as we embrace, love, and impact our community. Text the word “**music**” to 804-979-2922 or scan the QR code to subscribe to the announcements about upcoming concerts at Chester UMC!



A Place of Miracles is collecting gently used pillows and bed linens for people in need, living along the Rt.1 Corridor. A Place of Miracles, is a food bank located at 2007 Willis Road. Please drop off your donations in the Church Missions Closet. Diane Merryman wishes to express her gratitude to all who donated men's clothing last month.

POC: Diane Merryman (804) 586-4189 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 positively impact 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 Thank you for your service and prayers.

Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, April 7, 2024

Greeters:	8:30	Bill & Karen Comer	
	11:00	Hunter Beazley, Martha Miles	
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones*, Ron Dombrowski	* Head Usher
	11:00	Beth Stewart*, Andrew Brummette, Bob Kutz, Geoff LeSueur, Jeff Marlin	
Communion:	8:30	New Confirmands	
	11:00	Lily Freiin von Ketelhodt, Penn Shultz, Harold Crowder	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:45, 11:00	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).

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. 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)

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, /Andrew Brummette.

Journey Sunday School Class: 9:45 AM, Annex and Google Meet, 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. 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

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)

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

Middle & High School : No youth Group Tonight (March 31). Regular meetings are 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

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 POC: Maureen Coker at 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

Village People Study, Socialize, & Service Group: 3rd 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

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

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

Women's Fellowship Luncheon: 3rd Thursdays, Join us at a local restaurant for good food and great conversation. 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: Thursday, April 4, (1st 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

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: 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

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 and 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

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.

Confirmation Mission Project: The 2024 Conformation 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 jrbrooksiee@gmail.com

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.

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. 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 (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



Vacation Bible School: Register your child today! VBS is around the corner. 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

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. Approximate cost is \$1,000 per person (includes bus, accommodations, most meals, and a few excursions/activities). Contact Joshua Wortham (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



Easter Lily Dedications



In Memory of

- **Steve Gilliatt** by Sharon Gilliatt and Family
- **John & Rosemary Walker** by Herb & Penny McCulloch
- **Casey & Oprel McCulloch** by Herb & Penny McCulloch
- **Jackie & Preston Wilkinson** by Kent & Barbara Yandle
- **Jane & Clyde Yandle** by Kent & Barbara Yandle
- **Ed Labin** by Betty, Tracy, and Scot Labin
- **John York, Jr.**, our son and brother, by the York Family
- **Ron King** by Gail King and family
- **Charles & Louise Young** by Kim Young
- **Edwin Fisher** by Kim Young
- **Coleman & Marie Dick, F.A. & Mary West, David & Dorothy Pinkus** by David & Joan Dick
- **Richard Martinko** by his wife, Betty; daughter, Karen; sons, Rich, Robert and Rod.
- **Gibson Belcher** by Nancy Belcher
- **Hazel & Ron Miller** by Sherri Snelson- I love you and miss you!
- **Debi Sheffield** by her sister, Sherri Snelson- I love you and miss you!
- **Gerry George** by Jim Rhodes
- **William & Kathleen Rhodes** by Jim Rhodes
- **My parents, Rev. & Mrs. Elmore Brown** by Diane Higg
- **Diane Branch and John Winn** by Bryan & Jennifer Winn
- **Bill & Helen Cole** by Chris & Betty Marie Irving

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- **Harold Irving** by Chris & Betty Marie Irving
- **Mr. & Mrs. M.W. Jones** by Nancy Carrouth
- **My parents, Cyril & Laura Veira** by Barbara John
- **John Cook** by Gypsy Cook
- **Elizabeth Dalton** by Gypsy Cook
- **Carole Strasen** by The DiRoma Family
- **Bob Strasen** by The DiRoma Family
- **Richard DiRoma** by The DiRoma Family
- **Donna Hainley** by The DiRoma Family
- **William Halvorsen** by Mary Halvorsen
- **Alisa Marie Koon** by Larry & Carol Koon



In Honor of



- **The Chester United Methodist Church Preschool children and staff** by Chris Grinter
- **My church family, for the support during my heart surgery** by Gail King
- **Our granddaughters** by Tim & Beth Stewart
- **My family** by Sharon Gilliatt
- **Our families** by Bob & Jane Huffman
- **My daughters and their families** by Diane Higg
- **Rose & Donald Hubley** by their daughter, Debbie Hubley
- **Michael & Jane Stinnett** by Bryan & Jennifer Winn
- **Lisa, Riley, Paige and Cole Irving** by Chris & Betty Marie Irving
- **Danielle Irving** by Chris & Betty Marie Irving

