

No Bridge Service Today

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FRESH START SERVICE

April 7, 2024—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Build Your Kingdom Here
Awesome is the Lord Most High
How Great Is Our God
Salt and Light

SPECIAL MUSIC

Mark Kroos

SCRIPTURE

1 John 1:1-2:2 (CEV)

MESSAGE

Living In the Light
Pastor Chad Beck

Having trouble seeing the screen? Just ask an usher for a copy of today's large print song lyrics.

April 7, 2024

A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

Second Sunday
of Easter

Welcome, Announcements, & Greeting

Prelude

Mark Kroos

* Call to Worship¹

Leader: This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

People: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!

Leader: Walk in the light of his love.

People: Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One Who overcame death.

People: Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. Amen.

* Opening Prayer¹

Lord of Resurrection surprises, open our hearts this day to the presence of Jesus Christ. Erase our excuses for unbelief, and exchange them for strong witness to the power of your mercy and love. Give us courage and challenge us to walk the path of discipleship, knowing that Jesus goes before us, leading and guiding our steps. In his name, we pray. Amen.

* Hymn No. 303

The Day of Resurrection

* 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.

Why We Give

Joshua Wortham

Offertory

Mark Kroos

* 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

Scripture Reading

Psalm 33:1-4

The Passion Translation

Sermon in Song

Mark Kroos

Holy Communion

* Hymn No. 322

Up From the Grave He Arose

* Benediction

* Choral Amen

Chancel Choir

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

¹ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2534/worship-connection-april-11-2021>

Mark Kroos: 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

Calendar

April 7, 2024 – April 14, 2024

Today:

8:15 AM Nursery until 12 PM
8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship-
Sanctuary- Confirmation
9:45 AM **No** Bridge Worship Today
Sun Sch PreK-107
Sun Sch Gr K-5-206
Adult SS-Various
10:45 AM Bridge Small Group-213
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 Activity today

Mon:

10:00 AM Stephen Min. Training-226
6:00 PM Strum & Smile- Music Ste
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 Joy Singers-Music Suite
2:00 PM Stephen Ministers-226
3:00 PM Rest Stop
5:00 PM Woodmen Life-DFH
7:00 PM ESL-205, 214, 221,226

Wed:

12:00 PM Trustee Meeting- Annex
12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
5:45 PM Handbell Choir-Music Suite
7:00 PM Chancel Choir-Music Suite

Thurs:

10:30 AM Ada Mae Bookman- 226
11:00 AM Contemplative Prayer-
Trinity UMC
1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor
7:00 PM Finance Meeting- 213
7:00 PM ESL-205, 214, 221, 226

Fri:

Sat:

2:00 PM Ladies Afternoon Tea-
DFH

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Sanctuary
12:15 PM Bridge Builders- 116
4:00 PM Youth Activities- Annex

Sunday Worship Schedule

DATE

SERMON TITLE

SCRIPTURE

April 14 8:30/ 11:00 AM: Never Too Broken
9:45 AM: TBD

Ezekiel 37:1-14
John 20:19-31

April 21 8:30/ 11:00 AM: "I Have Seen the Lord!"
9:45 AM: TBD

John 20:1, 11-18
John 10:11-18

*We are truly blessed if you are a guest who has chosen to worship with us today!
First-time guests are invited to pick up a blue Welcome Bag from the Atrium or
Narthex. Thank you for celebrating the Lord with us today!*

Our Newest Members: Individuals of our 2024 Confirmation Class will profess their faith today and will be received as full members of Chester UMC. Please pray for them as they continue in their faith journeys:

- ◆ **Colton Reese Kasky-** Baptism and Confirmation
- ◆ **Caroline Harper Morgan-** Baptism and Confirmation
- ◆ **Wesley James Munchel-** Confirmation
- ◆ **Joel Antonio Beck Sarmiento-** Confirmation
- ◆ **David Kweku Ellis-** Confirmation

We Celebrate the Holy Baptism of *Aiden James Heitzenrater*, son of Pastor Chad Thomas Beck and Talina Sarmiento Beck, who was born June 15, 2018. Aiden's brothers are Aaron, Joel, and Israel Beck Sarmiento.

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

Chester UMC Pictorial Directory: Photographers are here today! Stop by Davis Fellowship Hall to have your picture taken! We will be taking pictures between services today and next Sunday, April 14. POC: Mary Musselwhite softshl1@gmail.com.

Abukloi, Together We Can Do It! Today, 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.

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

UMCOR Kits for Conference: Due Today! Please drop off the assigned items to the collection box in the Church Missions Closet. POC: Susan Petrey 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.

Children's Service: On Sunday, April 14, our KIDZ ZONE kids will be participating in our 8:30 AM service. There will be interpretive dance and involvement from our kids in different ways during worship. POC: Juliana Paradie (julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

KEEP IN PRAYER: John Dietrich, Jimmy Willingham; Rev. Ed Garrett; The family of Susan Henry; Bill Johnson; The family of Joyce Berkley; Kevan Spiers; Michael Marretti; Casey Jones and family; Mary Ann Bellamy; Elizabeth Cave; Dollie & Malcom Stone; Penny Creed; Bryan Mannetta; Joe & Diane Mannetta; Dick Weis; Summer Vaughn; Margie Donald; 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 Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

6:30 AM Sunrise Worship Service.....	46
8:30 AM Fresh Start.....	127
9:45 AM Bridge.....	50
11:00 AM Traditions.....	323
Online.....	64
Total Worship Attendance.....	610

March 28 7:00 PM Easter Cantata..... 214

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, April 7, 2024

Greeters:	8:30	Bill & Karen Comer	
	11:00	Hunter Beazley, Martha Miles	
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones*, Ron Dombrowski	* Head Ushers
	11:00	Beth Stewart*, Andrew Brummette, Bob Kutz, Geoff LeSueur, Jeff Marlin	
Communion:	8:30	Colton Reese Kasky, Caroline Harper Morgan, Wesley James Munchel, Joel Antonio Beck Sarmiento	
	11:00	Lily Freiin von Ketelhodt, Penn Shultz, Harold Crowder	
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 to subscribe to the announcements about upcoming concerts at Chester UMC!



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 donations and servers for May. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lynn Crump at 804-513-0260 or lynncrumppla@gmail.com

A Place of Miracles is collecting gently used baby clothing, children’s clothing up to size 10, and other baby items. Drop off your donations in the Church Mission Closet.

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

Parent Night Out: April 20, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall. Drop off your kids, or stay and enjoy the movie, *Sing*. Doors open at 5:50 PM. Register your children. POC: Juliana Paradie

julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, April 14, 2024

Greeters:	8:30	Steve & Joan Osborne	
	9:45	Donna Nunery	
	11:00	Jim Rhodes, Marian Perkinson	
Ushers:	8:30	Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer	* Head Ushers
	9:45	Jim Watkins*, JR Irvin	
	11:00	Herb McCulloch*, James Bartlett, Marshall Henry, Dean Hutchinson, Larry Koon	
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-yve>. We will continue our conversations about the book "God
is Speaking". POCs: Carolyn Landis landisfamily05@gmail.com and
Eric Hougland ehougland88@gmail.com

Seekers Sunday School Class: 9:40 AM, Room 226. 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 at 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

Sueños 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

Ladies' Afternoon Tea: ***SOLD OUT!*** Saturday, April 13, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM, DFH. Thank you, Church friends & family, for your overwhelming support of the annual Chancel Choir Tea.

The United Methodist Women (UMW): Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, to learn more about UMW, our two participating fellowships, and how you can become involved.

- ◆ **Jean Craig Fellowship:** First Mondays, 7:00 PM, Room 205. 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.

Backpack Ministry: We are in the final months of school and because of your generous support, we have been able to send food home each weekend to help 55 families. Almost every week our bin in the Church Mission Closet has received donations of food items we use. This enables us to use our monetary donations more wisely. Thank you to all who give food, money, and support to this vital ministry. POC: Karen Comer kgcomer@verizon.net

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. 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 caring Stephen Leaders. Call our referral coordinator, Steve Osborne (407) 921-0227.



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.

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. *Breakfast and lunch items will 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/>. \$60 for an outside 10' by 10' space. POCs: Katey Petrey McCarney CUMCcraftshow@gmail.com / 804-402-0084 and Susan Mundell Petrey 804-938-5396

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

Youth Sunday: On Sunday, April 28, at our 8:30 AM service, we will have our amazing teenagers preaching and participating in many ways throughout the worship. Invite your family and friends and see our teens in action. POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

Rise Against Hunger: *Save The Date:* Sunday, August 18, 12:30 PM, Fellowship Hall. We are aiming to achieve a 50% increase in our number of meals. Snacks and drinks will be provided. POC: Eric Hougland ehougland88@gmail.com

Chester UMC Men: 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*. POC: Brion Seward 1bseward@comcast.net

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