



May 5, 2024 - 9:45 AM

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

Soon and Very Soon  
Boundless Love  
Mighty to Save

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Concerto for Two Trumpets  
by Vivaldi  
*Jack Price and Matt Stevens*

**SCRIPTURE**

John 15:9-17 NCV

**MESSAGE**

Following the 11<sup>th</sup> Commandment  
*Pastor Nathan Decker*

*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**

May 5, 2024—8:30 AM



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

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Awesome is the Lord Most High  
Everyday  
Mighty to Save  
What a Friend

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**May 5, 2024**

**A Service of Worship and Praise**

**Sixth Sunday  
of Easter**

**11:00 AM**

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Class of 2024 Celebration Video

Welcome, Announcements, & Greeting

Prelude

*Concerto for Two Trumpets: Allegro*

Jack Price & Matt Steven

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

Leader: Christ, our Lord, invites us to his table.

**People: Who is this us? All of us? The poor, the blind, the lame, the outcasts?**

Leader: Christ, our Lord, invites us to his table.

**People: The old, the young, the divorced, the married, the single?**

Leader: Christ, our Lord, invites us to his table.

**People: The migrants, the homeless, the troubled, the unknowns?**

Leader: Christ, our Lord, invites us to his table.

**People: Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Atheists?**

Leader: Christ, our Lord, invites us to his table.

**People: The abused, and the abusers?**

Leader: Christ, our Lord, invites us to his table.

**People: All skin tones, all sexualities, all languages, ALL?**

Leader: Christ, our Lord, invites us to his table.

**People: Christ, our Lord, invites us to his table, to learn to live in peace together, to learn to live repentant lives together, to learn to love God and neighbor together. Christ, our Lord, invites us to his table.**

\* Hymn No. 384

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Why We Give

Offertory

*Concerto for Two Trumpets: Largo and Allegro*

Jack & Matt

\* 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. 408	<i>Gift of Love</i>	
Scripture Reading	<i>John 15:9-17</i>	NCV
Message	<i>Following the 11th Commandment</i>	Pastor Nathan Decker
Holy Communion		
Anthem	<i>Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God</i>	Chancel Choir
* Hymn	<i>We Are Called</i>	
* Benediction		
* Choral Amen		Chancel Choir

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

<sup>1</sup> <https://worshipwake.wordpress.com/2014/06/23/radical-invitation-for-communion-october-4-2009/>

**The Flowers on the Altar** are given by Donna Nunery, to the glory of God, and in honor of her mother, Bobbie Morrissette, who is celebrating her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

**Afternoon Tea Success:** Many thanks to all the ladies of the church and community who purchased tea tickets. Thanks to your support and generosity, we raised over \$4,400! Save the date for our next tea on Saturday, April 26, 2025!

## Calendar

*May 5, 2024 – May 12, 2024*

### Today: May 5

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  
 10:45 AM Bridge Small Group-213

*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!*

11:00 AM Traditions- Sanctuary  
 12:00 PM TDHS Key Board-116  
 12:15 PM Nutshell Class-DFH  
 4:00 PM Youth Activity- Annex

5:45 PM Handbell Choir-Music Suite  
 6:30 PM Crew-206  
 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 226  
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir-Music Suite

**Mon: May 6**

6:00 PM Strum & Smile- Music Suite  
 6:30 PM Boy/Cub Scouts  
 7:00 PM Jean Craig Fellowship-205  
 7:30 PM Beginner Music Reading- Music Suite

**Thurs: May 9**

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

**Tues: May 7**

10:30 AM Joy Singers-Music Suite  
 2:00 PM Stephen Ministers-226  
 3:00 PM Rest Stop  
 6:00 PM How to Reach New People- Annex  
 7:00 PM ESL-205, 214, 221,226  
 7:00 PM SPRC Meeting-213

**Fri: May 10**

6:30 PM Youth Game Night-Annex

**Sat: May 11**

2:00 PM LC Bird Engineering-DFH

**Next Sunday: May 12**

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-Variou  
 11:00 AM Traditions Worship-Sanctuary  
 4:00 PM No Youth Activity

**Wed: May 8**

10:00 AM Blood Drive- DFH  
 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline  
 12:00 PM Trustee Meeting- Annex

**Sunday Worship Schedule**

**Date**

May 12-Mother's Day

**Sermon Title**

Mothers, Jesus, and Unity

**Scripture**

John 17: 1, 6, 20-23 NIV

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

**CUMC In A Nutshell:** Today at 12:15 PM, Fellowship Hall. If you are a new member or considering joining Chester UMC, or just want to learn more about Chester UMC, this class is for you! A light snack will be provided. POC: Joan Osborne [josbor61@gmail.com](mailto:josbor61@gmail.com).

**Bridge Small Group:** Today, 10:45 AM, Room 213. Would you like to grow in learning about and practicing prayer while connecting with other church members? All are invited to come today and May 19. We will use Richard Foster's book, *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home*. POC: Pastor Chad [chadbeck@chesterumc.org](mailto:chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** Wednesday, May 8, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. All blood types are needed. Our goal is 26 pints which will potentially save 78 lives. Make your appointment at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=chesterumcva>. For help with online scheduling or logon information, please call 1-855-210-1278.

**Game Night for 5th & 6th Graders:** Friday, May 10 from 6:30 PM-8:30 PM in the Youth Annex Loft. Come out for some fun and get to know some of our youth. POC: Juliana Paradie [julianaparadie@chesterumc.org](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

**Special Music:** Saturday, May 11, 4:00 PM. Matt Stevens and Jack Price have played trumpet side-by-side in the Richmond Philharmonic Orchestra for 14 years. This month, they will be featured performers in the *Concerto for Two Trumpets* by Antonio Vivaldi, orchestral arrangement by Peter Wilson, Director of the Richmond Philharmonic. This exciting showpiece of the Italian Baroque era is a favorite of classical music fans worldwide. This free concert will be at St. Christopher's School Arts Center, 711 St. Christopher's Road, Richmond, Virginia 23226.



**Young Families' Community Picnic:** Saturday, May 18, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM at Goyne Park. We will have a pavilion reserved and hot dogs will be served as a main dish. Bring a side dish to share. Sign up today, using this QR code. POC: Juliana Paradie [julianaparadie@chesterumc.org](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

**Celebration of Chad Beck's Ministry:** Sunday, June 2, 12:00 PM, Fellowship Hall. Join us as we celebrate Chad Beck's ministry and wish a fond farewell to Chad and his family. Potluck style luncheon with chicken tenders provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. For questions or more information please email [office@chesterumc.org](mailto:office@chesterumc.org)

**KEEP IN PRAYER:** Brian Vokey; Harold Worcester; The family of Mack Theodore Daniels; Debra Harms; Gwen Byer; Jimmy Willingham; Rev. Ed Garrett; Bill Johnson; The family of Susan Henry; Kevan Spiers; Casey Jones and family; Mary Ann Bellamy; Elizabeth Cave; Karen Cole; Dick Weis; Dollie & Malcom Stone; Penny Creed; Bryan Manna; Joe & Diane Manna; Summer Vaughn; Margie Donald; Lynda Richardson; Sandra Cherny; Charles Cressell; Mary Tyree; Ken Farmer; Dee Watkins; Susie Hall; Carolyn Maxwell; Ella Hilton;

Jo Kiser; Erika Hilton.

### **Our Presence on April 28, 2024**

8:30 AM Fresh Start.....	88
9:45 AM Bridge Worship.....	49
11:00 AM Traditions.....	157
Online.....	30
<b>Total Worship Attendance.....</b>	<b>324</b>

### **CHESTER UMC ONLINE RESOURCES**

- **Website:** [www.chesterumc.org](http://www.chesterumc.org).
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/ChesterUnitedMethodistChurch/>.
- **Facebook Closed Group:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChesterUMC/>.
- **Instagram:** [Instagram.com/chesterumc](https://www.instagram.com/chesterumc)
- **Daily Email News:** Visit <http://eepurl.com/blV9Tv> to subscribe.
- **Daily Devotionals from Pastor Nathan:** <https://www.facebook.com/BetterTogether.Devos/>.
- **YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/c/ChesterUMC>.
- **Prayer Chain Email:** to subscribe or to submit a prayer request, email Michelle at [office@chesterumc.org](mailto:office@chesterumc.org) with “Prayer Chain” or “Prayer Request” in the subject line.
- **CUMC Library Catalog:** <https://16538.rmwebopac.com> (password: CUMC). Search for titles, peruse our inventory, and much more. POC: Ron Dombrowski [rmachachi@aol.com](mailto:rmachachi@aol.com).
- **The Chimes** – Submit items to [assistant@chesterumc.org](mailto:assistant@chesterumc.org) no later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of January, March, **May**, July, September, and November.

#### **Leading Our Worship Today, May 5, 2024**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Maureen Coker	
	<b>9:45</b>	Donna Nunery	
	<b>11:00</b>	Jim Rhodes	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Gordon Jones*, Ron Dombrowski	* Head Ushers
	<b>9:45</b>	Herb McCulloch*, Scott Pugh	
	<b>11:00</b>	Beth Stewart*, Andrew Brummette, Marshall Henry, Don Schmidt, Steve Osborne	
<b>Communion</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Colton Kasky, Julius Paradie	
<b>Servers:</b>	<b>9:45</b>	Debbie Hubley, Sandra Dishman	
	<b>11:00</b>	Tracey Kellam, Steve Osborne	
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>8:30, 9:45, 11:00</b>	Staff Members; Carla Adams, Samantha Garcia	

questions. Presentations include Veterans Cemeteries, Funeral Services, VA Benefits, Hospice and Palliative Care, and Legal Considerations. Questions or interested in attending, email: [info@vncentralvirginia.com](mailto:info@vncentralvirginia.com) or call John Maxwell at (757) 560-2830.

**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, through May 21, Annex. Led by Pastor Nathan Decker. We are using the book, *Get Their Name*, by Farr, Anderson, and Kotan. Books provided. POC: Pastor Nathan Decker [nathandecker@chesterumc.org](mailto:nathandecker@chesterumc.org)

**A Place of Miracles** is collecting gently used baby clothing, children’s clothing up to size 10, and other baby items. Please drop off your donations in the Church Mission Closet. POC: Diane Merryman (804) 586-4189 [dianemerryman@gmail.com](mailto:dianemerryman@gmail.com).

**Rise Against Hunger:** Sunday, August 18, 12:30 PM, Fellowship Hall. Our goal is to achieve a 50% increase in our number of meals. Snacks and drinks will be provided. POC: Eric Hougland [ehougland88@gmail.com](mailto:ehougland88@gmail.com)

**CUMC Preschool is Hiring Teachers & Assistants:** CUMC Preschool is looking for energetic, creative, confident, and loving teachers and assistants for the 2024-2025 school year starting this fall. Apply Now! Send your resume to [preschool@chesterumc.org](mailto:preschool@chesterumc.org). POC: Whitney Graham 804-748-2275.

**Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, May 12, 2024**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Steve & Joan Osborne	
	<b>9:45</b>	Stephanie Decker	
	<b>11:00</b>	Hunter Beazley, Martha Miles	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer	* Head Ushers
	<b>9:45</b>	Jim Watkins*, JR Irvin	
	<b>11:00</b>	Herb McCulloch*, Dean Hutchins, Larry Koon, Bob Kutz, Beth Stewart	
<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. *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, by Amy-Jill Levine. Jesus' final days were full of risk. Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the passion story. Visitors and new members are always welcome. POC: 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-vve>. We are studying the book of Luke. POCs: Carolyn Landis [landisfamily05@gmail.com](mailto:landisfamily05@gmail.com) and Eric Houglund [ehouglund88@gmail.com](mailto:ehouglund88@gmail.com)

**Seekers Sunday School Class:** 9:40 AM, Room 226. Join us as we study, *The Ten Commandments From The Backside*, by J. Ellsworth Kalas, from May 19-Aug. 4. Kalas opens new possibilities of insight into the familiar Ten Commandments by restating them in the positive. Discover how the law was meant to make life richer and more fulfilling. Gain new insights into positive possibilities for holy living. All adults are welcome. 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 :** 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](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

**Bridge Builders-Jail Ministry:** Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays, 12:15 PM, Room 116. Please join us as we look to strengthen our Jail Ministry with Chesterfield County HARP. POC: Maureen Coker [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 Drive).

**Joy Singers:** Tuesdays, 10:30 AM, 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)

**Sueños 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:** Wednesdays, 5:45 PM, Sanctuary; For Adults. 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, 1:30 PM. Next luncheon, May 16. 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays, 6:30 PM, Parlor. Our May read is *Woman of God* by James Patterson. Here is the amazon link ... <https://a.co/d/7u8hnUA>. Next meeting June 6. 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. Join us for a variety of topics, good food, and childcare provided. POC: Pastor Chad [chadbeck@chesterumc.org](mailto:chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

**Strum and Smile:** Mondays, 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:** 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

**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:** Monday, May 6, 7:00 PM, Room 205 (1<sup>st</sup> Mondays). POC: Susan Petrey for details, 804-938-5396.
- **Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship:** Thursday, May 9, 10:30 AM, Meeting room change to Davis Fellowship Hall, (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays-Room 226) Join us for a time of Christian fellowship. POC: Martha Miles, 804-748-5476

**Backpack Ministry:** We are in the final month 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](mailto:kgcomer@verizon.net)

**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:** Are You Stressed? Discouraged? Feeling Down?

You don't have to go through difficult times alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you with confidential, one-to-one, Christian care and support to help you get through a tough time. So don't keep it all inside and struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care. To find out more about Stephen Ministry, please call Steve Osborne at 407-921-0227.



**Chester UMC Commissions Stephen Ministers:** On Sunday, May 19, we will commission six new Stephen Ministers. They are Pat Baake, Lynn Crump, Linda Mottley, Tory Powner, Sandy Sims, and Beth Van Den Berg. These six people have been through 50 hours of specialized training in Christian caregiving. We are delighted to have them join our team of Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people experiencing a crisis or going through a difficult time. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receiver for approximately one hour to listen, care, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support for the person. Caring relationships last for as long as the person's need persists. Please lift up our new Stephen Ministers in your prayers, asking that God bless their ministry and work through them to bring hope and healing to those they will serve. Pray for the continued ministry of all of Chester UMC's Stephen Ministers.

**Methodist Men's Gathering:** Sunday, May 19, 5:00 PM, Annex. If you are seeking to give and receive fellowship, mentorship, service to Church and community, and study The Word of God

with other men then join us for a Barbecue. We will provide the smoked pulled pork and you are asked to bring a side dish and beverages to share. So that we know how many to expect, please be sure to RSVP by signing up in the pew pad today or email the Church Office at [office@chesterumc.org](mailto:office@chesterumc.org), RSVP no later than May 15. We will plan our first men's service project, eat, and fellowship. Remember, "Iron Sharpens Iron," *Proverbs 27:17*.

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

**Bridge Builders:** Sunday, June 9, 12:15 PM, Room 116. (No meeting in May) Are you a disciple who believes God is calling and empowering you to a journey of racial justice and reconciliation? Join us as we pursue avenues within the church and community to build bridges of acceptance for our neighbors who do not look like us, think like us, speak like us, or pray like us. POC: Maureen Coker [mcoker2003@comcast.net](mailto:mcoker2003@comcast.net)

**Remember our Veterans on Memorial Day:** As we honor those who lost their lives in service to our nation, let's also remember our veterans at Richmond VA Health Medical Center and Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center, by making and/or writing cards for them. Please address envelopes with phrases such as "To a Special Veteran", "Just for You," or "To Someone Special". Do not sign your last name or seal the envelope. In your cards include sentiments such as "I am thankful for your service to our country". Please place cards in the Sharing Bin outside the Welcome Center or in the Mission Closet by Sunday, May 19.

POC: Karen Cole ([karen.k.cole67@gmail.com](mailto:karen.k.cole67@gmail.com))

**VBS Volunteers Needed:** We are looking for VBS Volunteers to help out on June 24-28 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please sign up in the pew pad today or use this QR code.

POC: Juliana Paradie [julianaparadie@chesterumc.org](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)



**Vacation Bible School:** June 24-28 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. Register your children today by using this QR Code. VBS is for children that turn age four by September 1<sup>st</sup> through children entering the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. Don't miss out on all the fun at CUMC Vacation Bible School! Register today, using this link:

<https://chester-umc.mycokesburyvbs.com/register-child>

POC: Juliana Paradie [julianaparadie@chesterumc.org](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)



Class of 2024

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