



May 19, 2024 - 9:45 AM

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

Where Could I Go?  
Goodbye, World, Goodbye  
Glory to His Name  
Jesus Built This Church on Love

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

He's Been Faithful to Me  
*Beth Davis*

**SCRIPTURE**

Acts 2:1-18 NRSVUE

**MESSAGE**

A Tribe Called Love in a Tribal World  
*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 19, 2024—8:30 AM



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

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

Sing, Sing, Sing  
Let God Arise  
How Great Is Our God  
I Will Follow

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May 19, 2024

A Service of Worship and Praise  
11:00 AM

Pentecost  
Sunday

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Welcome, Announcements, & Greeting

Prelude

*Rejoice Medley*

Pianist

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

Leader: The flame of the Spirit burns in our lives, warming all in its path.

**People: Holy Spirit, come!**

Leader: Hear the Spirit calling out of God's holy wind, rising up toward the sky.

**People: Holy Spirit, come!**

Leader: The intoxicating breath of hope fills us with love.

**People: Holy Spirit, come!**

Leader: God calls us to listen, feel, and follow!

**People: Holy Spirit, come!**

\* Opening Prayer<sup>1</sup>

**Holy One, ignite within us a fiery passion for your mission in the world today. Warm us by the Spirit's dancing tongues of flame, that we may feel your kindling blaze within, urging us to do your greater good. Make us wholly present to experience a new birth, and awaken possibilities within us to share your love in the world. In this love and abundance, we come to celebrate your harvest – a harvest bearing the first fruits of the Spirit within us. Show us how to use these gifts, as we listen for your truth in the gentle breeze of your Spirit. Amen.**

\* Hymn No. 103

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

\* 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

*Wade in the Water*

Chancel Choir

Commissioning of Stephen Ministers

Why We Give

Offertory

*He's Always Been Faithful to Me*

Beth Davis

\* 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. 393

*Spirit of the Living God*

Scripture Reading

*Acts 2:1-18*

NRSVUE

Message

*A Tribe Called Love in a Tribal World*

Pastor Nathan Decker

\* Hymn No. 593

*Here I Am, Lord*

\* 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://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2792/worship-elements-may-19-2024>

**Guest Musician Beth Davis** (she/her) is a singer/actor, voice teacher, and real estate agent in Richmond. Having grown up in church, she has led worship in volunteer and paid positions. Music is her “way into” vulnerability and experiencing God.

# Calendar

May 19, 2024 – May 26, 2024

## Today: May 19

- 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- Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Bridge Small Group-213
- 2:00 PM ESL Team Meeting-226
- 4:00 PM Youth Activity Today
- 5:00 PM Methodist Men's  
Gathering-Annex

## Mon: May 20

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

## Tues: May 21

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

## Wed: May 22

- 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
- 5:45 PM Handbell Choir-Music Suite
- 6:00 PM Preschool Graduation-DFH
- 6:00 PM Cub Scouts- 226
- 5:45 PM Handbell Choir-Music Suite
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir-Music Suite

## Thurs: May 23

- 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor
- 7:00 PM ESL-205, 214, 221, 226

## Fri: May 24

- 5:30 PM Girl Scout Awards Dinner-  
DFH

## Sat: May 25

## Next Sunday: May 26

- 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
- 4:00 PM No Youth Activity Today

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## Sunday Worship Schedule

### Date

### Sermon Title

### Scripture

May 26

Take Me Into the Most Holy Presence

Isaiah 6:1-8 NIV

June 2

The Greatest of All

John 13:1-20, Luke 14:7-11

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

**Chester UMC Commissions Stephen Ministers**: Today we will commission six new Stephen Ministers: *Pat Baake, Lynn Crump, Linda Mottley, Tory Powner, Sandy Sims, and Beth VanDenBerg*. They have been through 50 hours of specialized training in Christian caregiving. We are delighted to have them join our team of Stephen Ministers. 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 Chester UMC's Stephen Ministers.

**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. We use Richard Foster's book, *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home*.

POC: Pastor Chad [chadbeck@chesterumc.org](mailto:chadbeck@chesterumc.org)

**Methodist Men's Gathering**: Today, 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 smoked pulled pork. You are encouraged to bring a side dish and/or beverage to share. We will plan our first men's service project, eat, and fellowship. POC: Brion Seward [lbseward@comcast.net](mailto:lbseward@comcast.net)

**CUMC Preschool Spirit Night**: Tuesday, May 21, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM at Chick-Fil-A in Chester. CUMC Preschool invites everyone to dine at Chick-Fil-A and tell them at drive through or inside that you are there for CUMC, or enter CUMC into the app for mobile orders. This will help our preschool receive 10% of the proceeds for the art supply fund!

POC: Whitney Graham, [preschool@chesterumc.org](mailto:preschool@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)

**CUMC Preschool Graduates**: This week please say a prayer for our 13 amazing preschool graduates. On Wednesday, May 22, they will walk across the stage and officially start their journey into kindergarten! Help us congratulate them and pray for their future endeavors!

**KEEP IN PRAYER:** Dollie & Malcom Stone; John Dietrich; 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; 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 May 12, 2024**

8:30 AM Fresh Start..... 99  
9:45 AM Bridge Worship ..... 39  
11:00 AM Traditions..... 180  
Online..... 40  
**Total Worship Attendance ..... 358**

**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 19, 2024**

**Greeters:**        **8:30** Laura Houglan  
                         **9:45** Ed & Marian Garrett  
                         **11:00** Jim Rhodes  
**Ushers:**        **8:30** Gordon Jones\*, Ron Dombrowski        \* Head Ushers  
                         **9:45** Gordon Morris\*, Scott Pugh  
                         **11:00** Will Herrmann\*, James Bartlett, Emory Large, Geoff LeSueur, Tom Petrey  
**Nursery:** **8:30, 9:45, 11:00** Staff Members; Carla Adams, Samantha Garcia

**A Place of Miracles Cafe Clothing Closet:** Is currently in need of men's clothing of all sizes, bed linens, and baby items: wipes, diapers, car booster seats, toddler toys; especially push toys and cognitive/physical development play. If you come across any of these items in your spring cleaning, please place them in the Church Missions Closet in the bin marked "A Place of Miracles." Thank you all for your generous donations.

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

**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 Whitney Graham [preschool@chesterumc.org](mailto:preschool@chesterumc.org).

POC: Whitney Graham 804-748-2275.

**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)

**Join Us for a Special General Conference Presentation!** Sunday, June 23, 5:00 PM, at CUMC.

Mark your calendars for this event. Guest Speakers- *Beth Givens*: Newly appointed District Superintendent of the Coastal District and seasoned General Conference delegate from Virginia.

*Mochel Morris*: A respected retired Virginia clergywoman who attended the General Conference as an observer. You can expect to gain valuable insights into the workings of the General Conference and learn about the latest developments and decisions impacting our community.

Have your questions answered by these knowledgeable speakers. This event is open to everyone!

Your presence and participation are warmly welcomed. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your understanding and engagement with our shared journey. We look forward to seeing you there!

POC: Pastor Nathan Decker [nathandecker@chesterumc.org](mailto:nathandecker@chesterumc.org)

**Save the Date- Ice Cream Social:** Sunday, July 14, 12:00 PM, DFH. Join us as we celebrate our friends and family aged 90 and above! Enjoy some delicious ice cream and fellowship immediately following the 11:00 AM Traditions Worship Service.

### **Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, May 26, 2024**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Andy & Eileen Steck	
	<b>9:45</b>	Cathy Epps	
	<b>11:00</b>	Will Schmidt, Janis Hargrave	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer	* Head Ushers
	<b>9:45</b>	Jim Watkins,*, Scott Pugh	
	<b>11:00</b>	Gary Williams*, Andrew Brummette, Harold Crowder, Bob Kutz, Kay Williams	
<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. Beginning May 19-*From Jesus to Constantine*, by Professor Bart D. Ehrman. Step back to Christianity's first three centuries to see how it transitioned from the religion of Jesus to a religion about Jesus. Visitors and new members are always welcome. POC: Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396.

**Friendship Ministry Class:** 10:40 AM, Room 116, for adults who are developmentally challenged. POC: Mari and Dan Hayes [JLMinNaples@msn.com](mailto:JLMinNaples@msn.com)

**The Gathering Small Group:** 9:45 AM, Room 205. Join with other young families for a time of study and fellowship. POC: Brion & Sonja Seward [lbseward@comcast.net](mailto:lbseward@comcast.net), /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 Houglan [ehouglan88@gmail.com](mailto:ehouglan88@gmail.com)

**Seekers Sunday School Class:** 9:40 AM, Room 226. Join us as we study the book, *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 studying 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. (No Meeting in May)  
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. (No meeting May 16 & 23) POC: Lisa Stanfield: [lisajostanfield@gmail.com](mailto:lisajostanfield@gmail.com)

**Women's Fellowship Luncheon:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 1:30 PM. 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)

**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):** 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, 804-938-5396, to learn more about UMW, our two participating fellowships, and how you can become involved.

- **Jean Craig Fellowship:** will meet on Monday, June 3, 7:00 p.m. Room 205, (1<sup>st</sup> Mondays) to compile Hygiene Kits for UMCOR. On July 1, we will take a tour of Hollywood Cemetery and visit the grave of our namesake, missionary Jean Craig. Call Susan Petrey for details, 804-938-5396.
- **Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship:** will resume meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays in September. Call Martha Miles, 748-5476, for details.

**Backpack Ministry:** We are in the final weeks 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 leader, Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396, for information, volunteering, and providing meals. You will leave REST STOP with a joyful heart, receiving more than you gave! Please prayerfully consider how you can help.

**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 confidential, one-to-one, Christian care and support to help you get through a tough time. So don't struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers are here to care. To find out more about Stephen Ministry, please call Steve Osborne at 407-921-0227.



**CUMC Medical Closet Needs Donations:** If you have or know someone who has medical equipment that is not being used, or is no longer needed, please consider donating to our CUMC Medical Closet. We loan out and give away medical equipment to individuals that have a need. We gladly welcome wheelchairs, walkers, rollators, elevated toilet seats, bath/shower seats, etc. We have had an increased need and our closet needs to be replenished. For more information, please call or email the Church Office, [office@chesterumc.org](mailto:office@chesterumc.org), 804-748-6006.

**Remember Our Veterans On Memorial Day:** Due today. 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.

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

**Girls Nite Out:** Sunday, June 2, 3:45 PM. Buff City Soap. Calling all middle school and high school girls! Make bath bombs and enjoy dinner with friends. \$25 per girl. Scholarships are available. Meet at the church at 3:15 PM – returning at 5:45 PM. RSVP to Emily Smith, 804-721-2168 or Juliana Paradie, [julianaparadie@chesterumc.org](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org), by Wednesday, May 29.

**Chancel Choir Tour Home Concert:** Sunday, June 9, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary. Join us for a captivating musical experience! The Chancel Choir invites you, your friends, and your family to our Home Concert. All are welcome to join us for this special musical performance. Come, be a part of our musical journey! POC: Joshua Wortham [music@chesterumc.org](mailto:music@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!

**VBS Volunteers Needed:** Be a Hero! 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 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, 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)



## Meet Our Newest Stephen Ministers



**Pat Baake:** As a member of 19th street Virginia Beach UMC, I helped with the after-school program. It was amazing watching these children grow in their faith. This spring I became a member of CUMC. I do miss my walks at the oceanfront but have found fellowship and love at CUMC. I am a nurse and cover for the Parrish nurse at CUMC. My nursing career took me down a very special path of wound care. I traveled throughout the USA teaching "The Healing Process of Wounds" for Omnicare. Stephen Ministers also aid in healing process. Psalm 147.3 "He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds".



**Lynn Crump:** As a member of CUMC for over 25 years I am an active choir member and have held several other positions over the years. I have traveled extensively throughout Virginia both for work and pleasure. As an avid hiker at Pocahontas State Park, I spend time in nature and have just completed the Virginia Master Naturalist class. I am looking forward to walking with others as a Stephen Minister.



**Linda Mottley:** I have been a member of CUMC since 2018 and am now a retired teacher, retired minister's wife, CUMC choir member, and office volunteer. I am excited to help bring the hope and the love of Jesus to anyone who is in need of a listening ear and physical, emotional, and spiritual support through our Stephen Ministry program.

## Meet Our Newest Stephen Ministers



**Tory Powner:** I returned to Chester after my job as a PhD Chemist took me and my wife Beth to Rensselaer, New York and Madison, Wisconsin from 2014 -2020. Following my retirement in 2020 as a Process Chemist from MilliporeSigma, Beth and I returned to Chester to be closer to our four adult children and nine grandchildren. As former members of Chester United Methodist Church we joined CUMC for a second time in October 2020. I have trained and served as a Stephen Minister since 2000, first at Chester Presbyterian Church, then later at CUMC. I have missed the challenges and rewards that serving as a Stephen Minister provides and am looking forward to being an active Stephen Minister again.



**Sandy Sims:** I am a wife, mother, grandmother, and a member of the Chester UMC. My life experiences and Stephen Ministry training have brought me to a wonderful place in my life, an opportunity to help people in this community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. As I move forward in this lay ministry, I am thankful to God for this marvelous opportunity.



**Beth VanDenBerg:** I joined CUMC in January of 2024. I am a member of the Chancel Choir, the handbell choir, and a women's Bible study. I enjoy reading, going to movies, and hiking with my Yorkie, Sacha.