



June 30, 2024 - 9:45 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Are You Washed in the Blood?
Glory to His Name
Amazing Grace/ Peaceful, Easy Feeling
I Refuse

SPECIAL MUSIC

Holy, Holy, Holy
Here I Am, Lord
Sage Wright, violin

SCRIPTURE

Luke 14:12-24 CEB

MESSAGE

An Invitation to RSVP
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

June 30, 2024—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

I Am A C
Mercy is Falling
Light the Fire
Holy Forever
I Refuse

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jesus Loves me
Here I Am Lord
Sage Wright, violin

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A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

Sixth Sunday
after Pentecost

VBS Slideshow

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Prelude

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sage Wright, violin

* Call to Worship¹

Leader: Christ invites

People: Oh, thank you, it's so good to receive such an invitation from our Savior!

Leader: Christ invites you

People: Yes, we got that, we're on the inside. And we are so thankful!

Leader: Christ invites you to invite

People: We can bring friends? That's so cool. I love how inclusive Jesus can be.

Leader: Christ invites you to invite the unlovable, the unwelcomed, the unnoticed. Invite those who know for certain they shouldn't be allowed. Invite those who've been called names, excluded, and put down.

People: But, I don't know any of those people.

Leader: Christ invites you to invite.

People: But, I'm uncomfortable.

Leader: Christ invites you to invite.

People: We hear you and see your example, Lord. Christ invites us to invite.

* VBS Song

I Am A C

* Hymn No. 374

Standing on the Promises

* 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

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Chancel Choir

Why We Give

Offertory

Here I Am, Lord

Sage Wright, violin

* 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. 349

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Scripture Reading

Luke 14:12-24

CEB

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* Hymn No. 339

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

* Benediction

* Choral Amen

Chancel Choir

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

¹ <https://worshipwake.wordpress.com/2024/04/11/whod-you-invite/>

Calendar

June 30, 2024 – July 7, 2024

Today: June 30

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
Youth Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditions Worship-
Sanctuary
2:00 PM James Watter's Funeral-
Sanctuary
4:00 PM No Youth Activities Today
6:00 PM United Methodist Men-
Meal & Fellowship-DFH

Mon: July 1

6:00 PM Strum & Smile- Music Ste
6:30 PM Boy Scouts-226
7:00 PM Jean Craig Fellowship-
Tour Hollywood Cemetery

Tues: July 2

2:00 PM Stephen Ministers- 226

Wed: July 3

10:00 AM Blood Drive- DFH
12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
6:00 PM Cub Scouts- 226

Thurs: July 4, Happy Independence Day!

All Day Church Office Closed
1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor

Fri: July 5

Sat: July 6

8:00 AM United Methodist Men-
Parking Lot Project-CUMC

Next Sunday: July 7

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
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11:00 AM Traditions Worship-
Sanctuary
12:00 PM Key Club Board- 116
4:00 PM No Youth Activity Today

Sunday Worship Schedule

Date

Sermon Title

Scripture

July 7
July 14

A Table that Includes Traitors
Drive Thru Fast Food with Jesus

Luke 22:14-23
Luke 6:1-5 & Luke 14:1-6

*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. Please be informed that there will be no nurse on duty on July 7. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding.

United Methodist Men: Today, 6:00 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. Join us for a meal and Fellowship. Bring a side dish to share and we will provide grilled chicken and burgers. *Our parking lot improvement project date has been changed to Saturday, July 6, 8:00 AM.*
POC: Brion Seward lbseward@comcast.net or text 804-943-1406.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Wednesday, July 3, 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. Use this link. <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=chesterumcva>.
For help with online scheduling please call 1-855-210-1278.

United Methodist Men: Saturday, July 6, 8:00 AM, CUMC Parking Lot. We will be painting and patching the Church parking lot. If you have a blower, arrive at 7:30 AM.
POC: Brion Seward lbseward@comcast.net or text 804-943-1406.

Birthday Celebration: Sunday, July 14, 12:00 PM, DFH. Join us as we celebrate our family and friends, age 90 and above! Enjoy some delicious birthday cake and ice cream from the ice cream truck, immediately following the Traditions Worship Service.



Help Spread Sunday Smiles! Our Hospitality Team needs volunteers to pick up donuts and brew coffee on the second and third Sundays of each month. If you are a person who loves making people happy with tasty treats and warm drinks, we'd love to have you! Your help makes a big difference! Interested?
Contact Andy & Eileen Steck andyei10twitchell@gmail.com

Young Adults Cook Out! Ages 18-29. Saturday, July 6, 7:00 PM, Pastor Nathan's residence. Get ready to grill up your summer! Join us for the ultimate cookout, where we'll grill up some fun and slide! Mark your calendar and do not miss out on this summer! Use this QR code to sign up. Or text "Young Adults" to 804-943-1406.

**POSTPONED
Until a Later Date.
Watch for new
details to come.**



KEEP IN PRAYER: The family of Jim Watters; Cathy Epps; Sheila Russ; Ed Garrett; The family of Mary Cole; Marie Perdue; Barbara & Buck Dance; Kay Williams and family; Bill Lyon; Richard Robertson; Judge Bill Shelton; Karen Cole; Sharon Buchanan; Charles Cressell; Harold Worcester; Debra Harms; Gwen Byer; Bill Johnson; Kevan Spiers; Casey Jones and family; Mary Ann Bellamy; Elizabeth Cave; Dick Weis; Penny Creed; Bryan Manna; Joe & Diane Manna; Summer Vaughn; Margie Donald; Lynda Richardson; Sandra Cherny; Mary Tyree; Ken Farmer; Dee Watkins; Susie Hall; Ella Hilton; Jo Kiser; Erika Hilton.

Our Presence on June 23, 2024

8:30 AM Fresh Start.....	98
9:45 AM Bridge Worship.....	47
11:00 AM Traditions.....	126
Online.....	44
Total Worship Attendance.....	315

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, June 30, 2024

Greeters:	8:30	Andy & Eileen Steck	
	9:45	Donna Nunery	
	11:00	Linda Large, Betty Labin	
Ushers:	8:30	Wendell Landis*, Ron Dombrowski	* Head Usher
	9:45	Gordon Morris*, Scott Pugh	
	11:00	Herb McCulloch*, Bob Kutz, Emory Large, Will Orton, Larry Koon	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:45, 11:00	Staff Members; Carla Adams, Samantha Garcia	

Rise Against Hunger: Sunday, August 18, 12:15 PM, Fellowship Hall. Our goal is to fund and pack 15,000 meals. There are tasks for all ages and ability levels. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Check out the Rise Against Hunger website <https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/>. POC: Eric Houglan ehouglan88@gmail.com

Youth Mission Trip: Harvest of Hope! Sunday September 27 – 29. We are headed to Lynchburg to be a part of the Harvest for Hope Ministry! This is a ministry that would allow our youth to participate in the gleaning and distribution of produce that remains in the fields after harvest! We will partake in worship and fellowship! The cost is \$150 per person. Meals and lodging are included. Scholarships are available. Please do not let the cost deter your child from attending. If interested contact Juliana Paradie no later than Sunday, June 16. No payment is due at this time. Use this link to read more about this organization: <https://endhunger.org/hoh/>
POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

A Place of Miracles Cafe Clothing Closet is currently in need of men's socks, boys clothing sizes 7 to 10, baby wipes, diapers, child booster seats, strollers, toddler toys; especially push toys and cognitive/physical development play, and adult backpacks in new or lightly used condition. Please place donations in the Church Missions Closet.
POC: Diane Merryman at 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.
POC: Whitney Graham 804-748-2275.

Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, July 7, 2024

Greeters:	8:30	Maureen Coker	
	9:45	Stephanie Decker	
	11:00	Teresa Dombrowski, Jim Rhodes	
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones*, Bill Comer	* Head Usher
	9:45	Jim Watkins*, Scott Pugh	
	11:00	Beth Stewart*, Andrew Brummette, Jeff Marlin, Tom Petrey, Geoff LeSueur	
Communion:	8:30	Lilly Freiin von Ketelhodt, Caroline Morgan	
	9:45	Trey Parker, John Hall	
	11:00	Herb McCulloch, Tracey Kellam	
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. *From Jesus to Constantine*, by
Professor Bart D. Ehrman. All are 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

The Gathering Small Group: 9:45 AM, Room 205. Will resume in September. Join with other
young families for a time of study and fellowship.
POC: Brion & Sonja Seward 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 and Eric Houglan 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. All adults are
welcome. POC: Gordon Jones JONESGJ215@gmail.com

Senior Singles Sunday School Class: 9:45 AM, Parlor. Will resume in September.
POC: Cynthia Corley cacorley@ctsi.net

Middle & High School, Sunday School Class: 9:45 AM, Annex Loft. The schedule will vary
during the summer. Grades 6-12. POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

Middle & High School: 4:00 PM, Annex Loft. Resumes in August. Grades 6-12. Bring your
friends! POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

Bridge Builders-Jail Ministry: Meets 2nd 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

United Methodist Men: Meets 3rd Sundays, 4:30 PM. If you are seeking to give and receive
fellowship, mentorship, service to Church and community, and study The Word of God with
other men. POC: Brion Seward 1bseward@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

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

Village People Study, Socialize, & Service Group: 3rd Mondays, 2:00 PM, Community Room at Chester Village Senior APTS (11701 Chester Village Drive).

Joy Singers: Tuesdays, 10:30 AM, Music Suite. Resumes in the Fall. Rehearsals for our retired folks. This group sings for local nursing home residents and community groups. POC: Joshua Wortham. music@chesterumc.org

Chancel Choir Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 7:00 PM. Resumes in the Fall. Singers of all skill levels are welcome to join! POC: Joshua Wortham music@chesterumc.org

Handbells: Wednesdays, 5:45 PM, Sanctuary; Resumes in the Fall. For Adults. POC: Joshua Wortham music@chesterumc.org

Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study: Thursdays, 7:30 AM at Grants Coffee Co., 11884 Chester Village Drive. POC: Gordon Morris gordo1545@aim.com

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

Women's Fellowship Luncheon: 3rd Thursdays, 1:30 PM. 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 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 wva_lady@verizon.net

Women's Christian Book Club: 1st Thursdays, 6:30 PM, Parlor. Date change for July meeting: Thursday, July 11. June book is, *The Chance*, by Karen Kingsbury. POC: Jennifer Brame jrbrooksiee@gmail.com

Kidz Zone Night: 3rd Saturdays, 6:00 PM, Join us for food and a variety of fun activities! POC: Charlotte Brummette Charl208@yahoo.com (804) 833-1174



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D44A5A72BA75-50121645-chesterfield>

Chesterfield County Fair: August 23-31. Let's make a difference and spread joy in our community! We invite all adults to volunteer. CUMC will be financially compensated for our volunteer hours while seizing the opportunity to connect with our community in a positive way. What a great fundraising event for our Church. Sign up to volunteer by using the link below or use this QR code.

POC: Stacy Ferrer ssfva@comcast.net



VBS 2025! The fun never ends!
Mark your calendar for next year's
Vacation Bible School.

Chester UMC Vacation Bible School
June 23-27, 2025
9 AM - 12 PM
Chester United Methodist Church
12132 Percival ST, Chester
www.chesterumc.org

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:** meets 7:00 PM, Room 205, 1st Mondays. 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 2nd Thursdays in September. Call Martha Miles, 748-5476, for details.

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. You will leave REST STOP with a joyful heart, receiving more than you gave! Please prayerfully consider how you can help. Contact leader, Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396, for information, volunteering, and providing meals.

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, call Steve Osborne at 407-921-0227.



Texting In Church: Stay connected! Sign up and be a part of our Text Ministry, by scanning the QR code and texting 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!