



July 28, 2024 - 9:45 AM

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

I Saw the Light  
Old Time Religion  
Soon and Very Soon  
Blessed Be Your Name

**SCRIPTURE**

John 6:1-21 NRSVUE

**MESSAGE**

Exceeding Expectations  
*Rev. Stan Hargraves*

*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**

July 28, 2024—8:30 AM



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

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Everyday  
Holy Forever  
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July 28, 2024

A Service of Worship and Praise  
11:00 AM

Tenth Sunday  
after Pentecost

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Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Prelude

*To God Be the Glory*

Organist

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

Don Schmidt, Liturgist

Leader: O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!

**People: We come in celebration and song.**

Leader: We come in gratitude of your inheritance.

**People: We come as those who have received blessing upon blessing.**

Leader: We hear the cry of the poor in the land, and ache to offer them relief.

**People: We come to bring them blessing upon blessing, in Jesus' name.**

Leader: O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!

**People: We come in celebration and song.**

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

**Gracious God, your people are suffering. Where there is woundedness, help us bring healing. Where there is discouragement, help us bring support and comfort. Where there is dismay and mourning, help us bring the power of new life and new opportunities. Heal us, O God, for you are our help and our hope, the One we turn to in times of trouble. In the name of our Great Physician, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

\* 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.**

Special Music

*The Lord's Prayer*

Joshua Wortham

Why We Give

Offertory

*I Love to Tell the Story*

Organist

\* 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. 328

*Surely the Presence of the Lord*

Scripture Reading

*John 6:1-21*

NRSVUE

Message

*Exceeding Expectations*

Rev. Stan Hargraves

\* 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/worship/entry/4170/worship-elements-september-18-2022>

**The Flowers on the Altar** are given by Donnie & Sherri Snelson to the glory of God, and in gratitude to Paster Nathan, Joshua Wortham, CUMC Staff, and volunteers, for the dedication and service they provide each week. To God be the Glory!

# Calendar

July 28, 2024 – August 4, 2024

## Today: July 28

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  
Youth Sunday School  
11:00 AM Traditions Worship-  
Sanctuary  
4:00 PM No Youth Activities

## Mon: July 29

6:00 PM Strum & Smile- Music Ste  
6:30 PM Boy Scouts-226

## Tues: July 30

## Wed: July 31

11:00 AM Funeral Service for  
John York, Sr.- Sanctuary  
12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline  
6:00 PM Cub Scouts- 226

## Thurs: August 1

1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor

## Fri: August 2

## Sat: August 3

## Next Sunday: August 4

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  
Youth Sunday School  
11:00 AM Traditions Worship-  
Sanctuary  
12:00 PM Key Club Board-116  
1:30 PM Key Club-116  
4:00 PM No Youth Activities

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## Sunday Worship Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sermon Title</u>	<u>Scripture</u>
Aug 4	Knowing God in Scripture	Mathew 5:20-22 & Matthew 13:51-53 CEB
Aug 11	Knowing God in Tradition	Acts 2:42-47 NRSVUE

*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.

**United Methodist Men**: Today, at 10:30 AM, Davis Fellowship Hall. Group photo of all who are available, representing the United Methodist Men in the Church.

**Blood Drive**, Wednesday, August 7, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM, DFH. Sign up today by using the QR code or visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/local-homepage/events/help.html>. You will receive a \$20 Amazon gift card by email if you donate blood in August.



**Rise Against Hunger**: Sunday, August 18, 12:15 PM, Davis 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/> or use this QR code. POC: Eric Hougland [ehougland88@gmail.com](mailto:ehougland88@gmail.com)

**August Youth Gathering**: Sunday, August 18, 9:30 AM, Annex. Calling all middle and high school youth! We will meet directly after the 8:30 AM worship service to have brunch and fellowship. At 12:15, we will join the church to pack meals for Rise Against Hunger! We would love all youth to join as we eat brunch, fellowship and serve this great organization! Please RSVP to Emily Smith, 804-721-2168

**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. To sign up, use this QR code POC: Stacy Ferrer [ssfva@comcast.net](mailto:ssfva@comcast.net)



**Church Picnic**: Sunday, September 8, 12:00 PM. You are invited to join us immediately following the 11:00 AM Traditions worship. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Joshua Wortham's 20th Anniversary at CUMC. In addition to this milestone, it will also be New Disciple Sunday, where we welcome and celebrate those who have recently joined our Church family. Save the date and join us for the Church picnic!

**KEEP IN PRAYER:** Gary Williams; Dee Watkins; The family of Phil Wallace; The family of John York, Sr.; The family of William R. Shelton; The family of Richard Robertson; Deborah Napolitano; Joyce Battle and her family; The family of Jean Huber; Jean Wallace; Mary Luther; Joyce Overman; The family of Wayne Bishop; The family of Jim Watters; Sheila Russ; Marie Perdue; Carol Davis; Barbara & Buck Dance; Bill Lyon; 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 July 21, 2024**

8:30 AM Fresh Start..... 74  
 9:45 AM Bridge Worship..... 52  
 11:00 AM Traditions..... 140  
 Online..... 40  
**Total Worship Attendance..... 306**

**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, July 28, 2024**

**Greeters:**        **8:30** Andy & Eileen Steck  
                          **9:45** Cathy Epps  
**11:00** Sharon Buchanan, Betty Labin  
**Ushers:**        **8:30** Wendell Landis\*, Ron Dombrowski \* Head Usher  
                          **9:45** Linda D’Agostino\*, Kim Young  
**11:00** Beth Stewart\*, Marshall Henry, Willie Orton, Bob Kutz, Andrew Brummette  
**Nursery:** **8:30, 9:45, 11:00** Staff Members; Carla Adams, Samantha Garcia

**Youth Mission Trip:** Harvest of Hope! 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. They are a total of 28 youth & youth parents signed up, it is still not too late if your youth is interested! Please complete forms and submit payment **no later than July 31st** to be included. Use this link to read more about this organization: <https://endhunger.org/hoh/>  
POC: Juliana Paradie [julianaparadie@chesterumc.org](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

**A Place of Miracles Cafe Clothing Closet** is so thankful for the many contributions. Their current wish list is all types of luggage. Duffle bags, suitcases, roller suitcases, bookbags. They go through these quickly. This will be an ongoing request. Please consider us if you do not use your old luggage. We will share bookbag donations with [Backpacks For The Homeless/RVA](#).  
POC: Diane Merryman at [dianemerryman@gmail.com](mailto:dianemerryman@gmail.com), 804-586-4189.

**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. Interested in helping? Contact Andy & Eileen Steck [andyei10twitchell@gmail.com](mailto:andyei10twitchell@gmail.com)

**CUMC Medical Supply Closet:** Thank you to all who generously donated to our medical closet. We are now at full capacity and do not have storage capabilities for any more equipment or supplies at this time. We will send out a notice the next time we are in need.

### **Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, August 4, 2024**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Maureen Coker	
	<b>9:45</b>	Donna Nunery	
	<b>11:00</b>	Teresa Dombrowski, Jim Rhodes	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Gordon Morris*, Bill Comer	* Head Usher
	<b>9:45</b>	Jim Watkins*, Pat Stanfield	
	<b>11:00</b>	Gary Williams, Marshall Henry, Willie Orton, Bob Kutz, Kay Williams	
<b>Communion:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Emily Galarza, Alexandria Paradie	
	<b>9:45</b>	Sandra Dishman, Paul Marretti	
	<b>11:00</b>	Claudia Nagy, Penn Shultz	
<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).

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**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. Continuing through Labor Day, *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](mailto: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](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 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.

All adults are welcome. POC: Gordon Jones [JONESGJ215@gmail.com](mailto:JONESGJ215@gmail.com)

**Senior Singles Sunday School Class:** 9:45 AM, Parlor. Will resume in September.

POC: Cynthia Corley [cacorley@ctsi.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](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)

**United Methodist Men:** Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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:** 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. 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](mailto: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](mailto:music@chesterumc.org)

**Handbells:** Wednesdays, 5:45 PM, Sanctuary; Resumes in the Fall. For Adults. POC: Joshua Wortham [music@chesterumc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](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 conversation. Our next luncheon will be held on August 15 at Antonio's Restaurant, 11956 Iron Bridge Plaza. RSVP to Joan Osborne no later than Monday, August 12. POC: Joan Osborne [josbor61@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:wva_lady@verizon.net)

**Women's Christian Book Club:** Thursday, August 8, 6:30 PM, Annex. (changed date and location). August book is, *The Potluck Club (Book 1)*, by Shepard & Everson. POC: Jennifer Brame [jrbrooksieec@gmail.com](mailto:jrbrooksieec@gmail.com)

**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)

**Transportation Needed:** Bennie Wilkinson is in need of transportation to and from Church on Sundays. He prefers the 11:00 AM, Traditions Worship. If you can provide a ride for Bennie, please visit the link below or use the QR code to sign up. POC: Will Schmidt at 804-931-3660.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FAAAA2DA1F9C34-50214483-help#/>



**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.”

To learn more about UMW call Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396.

- **The Jean Craig Fellowship** will meet on Monday, August 5, 6:00 p.m. Meet in the church parking lot for our annual bus trip to visit local first responders along Route 10 to deliver homemade cookies and thanks. On Monday, September 9, 7:00 p.m. Room 205, we will put together Birthday Cake Kits for our CUMC food pantry. Call Susan Petrey for details, 804-938-5396.
- **The Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship** will resume meeting in the fall. Call Martha Miles, 804-748-5476, for details.
- **Salad Luncheon:** All Women of the Church are invited to a luncheon meeting of the UMW Sunday, October 13, immediately following 11 o'clock worship. Speaker TBA. Bring a salad or dessert to share. The Jean Craig Fellowship will host.

**Dinner for Six / Eight** is a great opportunity to get to know fellow churchgoers. You do not have to be a member of CUMC. Couples and singles gather once a month from September through November (some meet in December) and in January. The host home provides meat and beverages. Others bring an appetizer (optional), bread, salad, vegetables, or dessert. Each month, someone else in the group hosts. It may be two couples and two singles or three couples or any combination of up to eight people. We will group everyone and let you know when and where the first dinner will be held. The hostess will contact you to decide what everyone might bring to compliment the meal. If interested, *sign up today in the pew pad*. Please indicate if you are willing to host. POC: Mary Musselwhite, 804-330-0014

**Rest Stop** is a Chester UMC after school program designed to provide rest and encouragement to at-risk youth from Thomas Dale High School. August 6 we'll visit the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, picnic on the grounds and tour the Samurai Armor exhibition. During the school year we meet weekly on Tuesday afternoons at the Annex. Do you have a special gift to share with these young people or just an abundance of love to give? Call Susan to volunteer or to sign up to provide a meal. 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 REST STOP Team Leader Susan Petrey, 804/938-5396, for more information.



**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 important text from CUMC about ways you can get involved as we embrace, love, and impact our community. Stay informed. You can also text the word "music" to 804-979-2922 to subscribe to the announcements about upcoming concerts at Chester UMC!



**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.