



September 1, 2024 - 9:45 AM

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

Goodbye, World, Goodbye  
Old Time Religion  
Loving God, Loving Each Other  
Mighty to Save

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)  
*Angelo & Emily Galarza*

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 28:19-20  
Mark 5: 1-20  
CEB

**MESSAGE**

Making Disciples As We Go  
*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**  
September 1, 2024—8:30 AM



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

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Father, Spirit, Jesus  
This Is Amazing Grace  
Blessed Be Your Name  
Mighty to Save

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A Service of Worship and Praise  
11:00 AM

Fifteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost

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Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Prelude

Angelo Galarza, Organist

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

Cynthia Corley, Liturgist

Leader: We live in a world which constantly loses meaning while seeking purpose.

**People: Christ come, show us You: the Way, the Truth, and the Life.**

Leader: We live in a backwards world of hateful love, greedy charity, and exclusive welcome.

**People: Christ come, show us You: Authentic Love, Charity, Welcome.**

Leader: Welcome.

**People: You are a child of God.**

Leader: Charity.

**People: We are called to help those in need.**

Leader: Love.

**People: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever should believe in him should not perish but have everlasting life.”**

\* Opening Prayer<sup>2</sup>

**O God, we realize you do not call us to be successful in the marketplace; you call us to be faithful as disciples of Jesus. You do not call us to achievement in work, but to responsible living. You do not call us to make a great fortune, but to labor for your reign. Guide us into greater understanding of your priorities. Amen.**

\* Hymn No. 568

*Christ for the World We Sing*

Why We Give

Offertory

Emily Galarza

\* 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 *Matthew 28:19-20* CEB

Hymn No. 389 *Freely, Freely*

Scripture Reading *Mark 5:1-20* CEB

Message *Making Disciples As We Go* Rev. Nathan Decker

Holy Communion

\* Hymn No. 571 *Go, Make of All Disciples*

\* Benediction

\* Postlude Organist

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

<sup>1</sup> <https://worshipwake.wordpress.com/2021/03/15/john-316-call-to-worship/>

<sup>2</sup> Book of Worship, No. 539, Anton K. Jacobs

**The Altar Flowers** are given by Daphne Curtis and Marian Perkinson to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Clarence and Vernelle Curtis.

# Calendar

## September 1, 2024 – September 8, 2024

### Today: September 1

- 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
- 1:30 PM Key Club Meeting-116
- 4:00 PM No Youth Activities

### Mon: September 2- *Church Office Closed*

- 7:00 PM Jean Craig Fellowship-205

### Tues: September 3

- 2:00 PM Stephen Ministers-226
- 3:00 PM Rest Stop-Annex
- 7:00 PM ESL Classes-205, 214, 221,  
226

### Wed: September 4

- 10:00 AM Visitation Team-226
- 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
- 6:00 PM Cub Scouts- 226
- 6:30 PM Crew-206

### Thurs: September 5

- 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor
- 6:30 PM Women's Christian Book  
Club-Parlor
- 7:00 PM ESL Classes-205, 214, 221,  
226

### Fri: September 6

### Sat: September 7

### Next Sunday: September 8- **New Disciple Sunday**

- 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 Church Picnic & Joshua  
Wortham's 20<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Celebration-  
DFH
- 12:15 PM Bridge Builders-116
- 4:00 PM Youth Activities

## Sunday Worship Schedule

### Date

### Sermon Title

### Scripture

Sept. 8

Three Questions to Answer

Matthew 5:13-16 CEV

Sept. 15

Affinities, Soft Invites, and Pivoting

Acts 3:1-16 CEB

*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 Assistant Parish Nurse**, Pat Baake, is available today, 9:00 AM, Room 105.

**New Disciple Sunday**: September 8, at each service. New members will join at the worship service they attend. You can email membership questions to Beth Stewart, [bethstew@gmail.com](mailto:bethstew@gmail.com).

**Church Picnic**: Sunday, September 8, 12:00 PM. **All are invited** to join us immediately following the 11:00 AM Worship Service. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Joshua Wortham's 20th Anniversary at CUMC. It will also be New Disciple Sunday, where we welcome and celebrate those who have recently joined our Church family. Fried chicken and beverages will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share and your lawn chairs to dine and fellowship together on the Parsonage Lawn. Food will be set up in the Fellowship Hall along with tables for those who choose not to go outside. POC: Susan Petrey, 938-5396

**Bible Presentations**: Sunday, September 15. Bibles will be given out to Kindergarten and Third Graders. Please add your child's name and grade level in the pew pad activity sheet today so they may receive a bible during the Worship Service that you attend.

**Kid's Koinonia Communion Training**: Sunday, September 15, 4:00 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. All children in grades first through fourth. A time of art, craft, experience, and growth. Kids will have time with Pastor Nathan exploring how God loves us through bread, juice, and Jesus. On **Sunday, October 6**, during Communion at the Fresh Start Worship Service, the kids will assist serving the congregation the bread and cup. *Please register your children in the pew pad today* or contact the Church Office at [office@chesterumc.org](mailto:office@chesterumc.org). POC: Pastor Nathan [nathandecker@chesterumc.org](mailto:nathandecker@chesterumc.org)

**Saving Grace: A Guide to Financial Well-Being**: Money is a big issue that affects most aspects of our lives. Hopefully, you manage your money with little or no problems, but you may sometimes feel that your money manages you. "Saving Grace" is a study that will help you experience a sense of grace, peace and contentment about your finances. We will begin "Saving Grace", a series of six, small-group weekly meetings, on September 15 during Sunday school time. Sessions will be taught in The Gathering Sunday School class, which meets in room 205. Interested persons should pre-register with Sonja Seward by email [Sonjaseward@yahoo.com](mailto:Sonjaseward@yahoo.com) or text Sonja at 804-543-3036.

**Church Office Closure**: The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day.

**KEEP IN PRAYER:** Seth & Beth Davis; The family of Lionel Enders Parker; Judy White; Stella Staley; Angie Lawhon; Edward Borocho; The family of Keith Woods; Summer Lannan; Terry Wortham; Teresa Morgan; The family of Phil Wallace; Cindy Webb, Wayne & Ginny Virag; Gary Williams; Dee Watkins; Deborah Napolitano; Mary Luther; 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 Mannelta; Joe & Diane Mannelta; Summer Vaughn; Margie Donald; Lynda Richardson; Sandra Cherny; Mary Tyree; Ken Farmer; Susie Hall; Ella Hilton; Jo Kiser; Erika Hilton.

**Our Presence on August 25, 2024**

8:30 AM Fresh Start..... 87  
 9:45 AM Bridge Worship..... 45  
 11:00 AM Traditions..... 140  
 Online..... 39  
**Total Worship Attendance.....311**

**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, September 1, 2024**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Bill & Karen Comer	
	<b>9:45</b>	Stephanie Decker	
	<b>11:00</b>	Marian Perkinson	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Wendell Landis*, Ron Dombrowski	* Head Usher
	<b>9:45</b>	Herb McCulloch*, Scott Pugh	
	<b>11:00</b>	Will Herrmann*, Harold Crowder, Bob Kutz, Geoff LeSueur, Tom Petrey	
<b>Communion</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Paige Irving, Kinsley Johnston	
	<b>9:45</b>	Dawn Hall, Cornelia DeWitt	
	<b>11:00</b>	Colton Kasky, Lilly Frein von Ketelhodt	
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>8:30, 9:45, 11:00</b>	Staff Members; Carla Adams, Samantha Garcia	

**Join Our Small Groups and Ministries:** We invite everyone to join our small groups and ministries. Come grow with us and connect with other disciples! Use the QR code or link to sign up or to get more information on small groups that you want to learn more about. One of our small group coordinators will contact you.

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090545AEAF2CA3FA7-50725972-small#/  
POCs: Beth Stewart \[bethstew@gmail.com\]\(mailto:bethstew@gmail.com\) or Marg Kutz \[margkutz72@gmail.com\]\(mailto:margkutz72@gmail.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090545AEAF2CA3FA7-50725972-small#/)



**Youth Mission Trip:** Harvest of Hope! September 27 –29. We are headed to Lynchburg to be a part of the Harvest for Hope Ministry! The cost is \$150 per person. Meals and lodging are included. Scholarships are available. Use this link: <https://endhunger.org/hoh/>.

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

**Dinner for Six or 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 and January. If interested, *sign up today in the pew pad*. Please indicate if you are willing to host. POC: Mary Musselwhite, 804-330-0014



**Walk 4 Water:** Sunday, October 20. Three Leg Brewery, 4418 W Hundred Road. Check-in at 9:30 AM, walk begins at 10:00 AM. Plan your next mission project. Our two-mile walk will help to raise funds to drill boreholes for the village of Kinawampiti, Uganda. Providing them with clean safe water allows these children to attend school and prevents illness and disease for the entire village. Click on the QR code to register and

receive a Walk 4 Water t-shirt and access to your own fundraising page. If you are not able to participate in the walk you can make a donation to support this life-changing mission!

POC: Sonja Seward [sonjaseward@yahoo.com](mailto:sonjaseward@yahoo.com)

### **Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, September 8, 2024**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Steve & Joan Osborne
	<b>9:45</b>	Ed & Marian Garrett
	<b>11:00</b>	Hunter Beazley, Martha Miles
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Gordon Jones*, Bill Comer * Head Usher
	<b>9:45</b>	Gordon Morris*, Kim Young
	<b>11:00</b>	Gordon Morris*, Andrew Brummett, Bob Kutz, Dean Hutchins, Tom Petrey
<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. 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>. The Journey Group is going to take a break August 11-September 1. We will reconvene September 8.  
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 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:** Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays, 12:15 PM, Room 116. Join us as we pursue ways to build bridges of acceptance for our neighbors who do not look, think, speak or pray like us.  
POC: Maureen Coker [mcoker2003@comcast.net](mailto:mcoker2003@comcast.net)

**United Methodist Men:** 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)

**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 September 17. 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 September 11. 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 September 18. 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 [gordo15458@aim.com](mailto:gordo15458@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. 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays, 6:30 PM, CUMC Parlor. Next meeting is September 5. *The Potluck Club; Trouble's Brewing. (Book 2)*, by Shepard & Everson. POC: Jennifer Brame [jrbrooksiee@gmail.com](mailto:jrbrooksiee@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)

**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

- **The Jean Craig Fellowship** will meet on Monday, September 9, 7:00 PM, 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 meet Thursday, September 12, 10:30 AM. 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 11:00 AM worship. Speaker TBA. Bring a salad or dessert to share. The Jean Craig Fellowship will host.

**Bridge Builders:** Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 12:15 PM, 116. Next meeting is September 8. Are you a disciple who believes God is calling you on a journey of racial justice and reconciliation? To build relationships in the community promoting understanding, compassion and togetherness? Join us as we pursue ways to build bridges of acceptance for our neighbors who do not look, think, speak or pray like us. “Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God”-Micah 6:8. POC: Maureen Coker [mcoker2003@comcast.net](mailto:mcoker2003@comcast.net)

**Bridge Builders Jail Ministry:** As part of our mission to make change in the community, Bridge Builders has a Jail Ministry with the Chesterfield County Jail HARP program (Helping Addicts Recover Progressively). A team of volunteers visits the jail the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month, facilitating a book study. These men have shared joys, sorrows, dreams and talents such as poetry, music, songs and stories, enriching the lives of the men as well as the volunteers! Become a volunteer involves submitting paperwork for access into the jail, writing to the men, providing monetary donations for study books, and praying for the men in the HARP program, as well as those ministering to them. POC: Maureen Coker [mcoker2003@comcast.net](mailto:mcoker2003@comcast.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. 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.

**English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes:** A new semester will begin Tuesday, September 3 through November 21, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:00 PM- 8:30 PM.

POC: Pastor Nathan for more information. [nathandecker@chesterumc.org](mailto:nathandecker@chesterumc.org)

**Booth at VA Pride Festival:** Saturday, September 14, 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM, at Bon Secours Training Center (2401 W Leigh St.). Please cover our booth in prayer as we offer CUMC hospitality to our community. Interested in volunteering?

Contact Joshua Wortham ([music@chesterumc.org](mailto:music@chesterumc.org))

**Safe Sanctuary Training:** Saturday, October 5 from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM, Fellowship Hall. Safe Sanctuary training is for anyone that is serving with kids, youth and vulnerable adults. It aims to prevent abuse of children, youth, and vulnerable adults in group settings. Topics covered in the training include identifying potential abusers, recognizing signs of abuse, reporting abuse, screening and background checks, professional references, and more. We need all volunteers to attend to prepare for this upcoming year. If you are not able to attend in person, there will be an online class for you to take. Please RSVP to this link: <https://forms.gle/VYcursRQUSBMmB149>

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

**Backpack Ministry:** As we enter a new school year, we are preparing for another year of feeding food-insecure children. If you shop for items we ask for peanut butter (16 oz), mac & cheese, Vienna sausages, canned chicken, Spam/Treet, Rice-a-Roni, Pasta-Roni, Tuna Helper, canned tuna, Pop Tarts, applesauce cups, oatmeal, Ramen noodles, fruit chews, chewy bars. There is a collection bin in the mission closet labeled Backpack for your food donations. If you prefer to give financially, write your check to Chester UMC and put Back Pack on the memo line. Help us to fill our shelves and be prepared to serve the children at Curtis and Wells Elementary Schools. As always, we thank you for your support.

POC: Karen Comer ([kgcomer@verizon.net](mailto:kgcomer@verizon.net)) 804 683-5645)



**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.

**A Place of Miracles Clothing Closet** is so thankful for the many contributions. They are asking for personal hygiene items, linens, towels, diapers, and un-opened formula.

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

**Snacks for ESL:** CUMC provides snacks for adult ESL students on Tuesday and Thursday evenings throughout the year. We need volunteers to help. Classes begin September 3 and run through May, with semester breaks. If you can volunteer, please contact Lynn Crump [lynncrumppla@gmail.com](mailto:lynncrumppla@gmail.com)

**Whaley Pecans Annual Sale** by the Ladies of Faith. Orders are being taken now. Harvesting will be late October with delivery in early November. Payment can be made in advance or when picking up pecans. Proceeds earned from the pecan sale are donated to the church. *Register in the pew pad today*, or call Lorraine Young (804-748-6852) to order They are \$12.00 per pound for halves or pieces. *Please make checks payable to Ladies of Faith.*

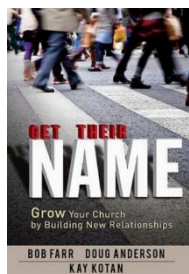


**Transportation Needed:** Bennie Wilkinson is in need of transportation to and from Church on Sundays. He prefers the 11:00 AM, Traditions Worship. If you can provide a ride for Bennie, please visit the link below or use the QR code to sign up. POC: Will Schmidt at 804-931-3660.

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

**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)

**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 texts 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.



**Making New Disciples:** Our September sermon series explores how we build connections and network within our community and church. We invite you to participate in our church-wide book study of *Get Their Name*, by Farr, Anderson, & Kotan. Families are encouraged to pick up a complimentary copy of the book in the Welcome Center. If you'd like to contribute towards the cost of the books, please leave your donation in the silver box located next to the books. Donations are always appreciated but not required.



**VENDORS FOR  
THE CRAFT  
SHOW WANTED!**

Homemade/hand crafted items will take priority to resale. No yard sale items.

**VENDORS WE ARE  
INTERESTED IN, BUT  
NOT LIMITED TO:**

- Woodworking
- Knitting
- Crochet
- Sewing
- Candle making
- Paper crafts
- Canning
- Jewelry
- Seasoning
- Flowers
- Macrame
- Metal
- Baking
- Quilting
- And more!



[www.chesterumc.org/craft-show](http://www.chesterumc.org/craft-show)

**CUMC Preschool** is preparing for another amazing year! They will welcome five classes of bright, eager students on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please say a prayer for the staff and our children joining us for a safe, loving and wonderful school year. CUMC Preschool thrives on donations. If you feel called to give, please consider helping our school participate in extra crafts, parties, and fun with a donation from our Amazon wish list!

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

To view the CUMC Preschool wish list and contribute, please scan the QR code or use this link:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3CP5CFUHD57AD?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3CP5CFUHD57AD?ref=wl_share)

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