



September 8, 2024 - 9:45 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

I'll Fly Away
Glory to His Name
How Great Is Our God
This Little Light of Mine

SPECIAL MUSIC

Rejoice Medley
Joshua Wortham

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:13-16 CEV

MESSAGE

Three Questions to Answer
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 8, 2024—8:30 AM



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

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Everyday
Awesome is the Lord Most High
Sing
Salt and Light

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A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

Sixteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Organist

* Call to Worship¹

Don Schmidt, Liturgist

Leader: We are lost sheep,

People: so God seeks and saves the lost.

Leader: We are a lost coin,

People: so God searches and rejoices when we are found.

Leader: We are the wayward son and daughter

People: so God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.

Leader: We are the elder sibling, standing outside,

People: but God welcomes us in, challenges us to join in this radical hospitality.

Leader: Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

* Opening Prayer²

Lord, in these times, when we fear we are losing hope or feel that our efforts are futile, let us see in our hearts and minds the image of your resurrection, and let that be our source of courage and strength. With that, and in your company, help us face challenges and struggles against all that is born of injustice. Amen.

* Hymn No. 369

Blessed Assurance

* 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

Rejoice Medley

Joshua Wortham

Reception of New Members

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. 572

Pass It On

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:13-16

CEV

Message

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* Hymn No. 569

We've A Story to Tell to the Nations

* Benediction

* Choral Amen

Chancel Choir

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

¹ <https://worshipwake.wordpress.com/2015/09/29/call-to-worship-based-on-luke-1511-32/>

² Worship and Song Resources, No. 183, From the Church in the Philippines

The Altar Flowers are given by Mallory Flores, to the glory of God and in honor of all of the grandparents, especially “Nana”, Gail King.

Calendar

September 8, 2024 – September 15, 2024

Today: 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 & Josh
Wortham's 20th – DFH
- 12:15 PM Bridge Builders-116
- 4:00 PM No Youth Activities

Mon: September 9

- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts
- 7:00 PM Jean Craig- 205

Tues: September 10

- 3:00 PM Rest Stop-Annex
- 7:00 PM ESL Classes-205, 213, 221,
226
- 7:00 PM Church Council-116

Wed: September 11

- 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
- 6:00 PM Cub Scouts- 226
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir- Music Ste
- 7:00 PM SPRC-116

Thurs: September 12

- 10:00 AM Ada Mae Bookman-226
- 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor
- 7:00 PM ESL Classes-205, 213, 221,
226
- 7:00 PM Finance Meeting-116

Fri: September 13

- 6:30 PM Youth Game Night-Annex

Sat: September 14

- 12:00 PM PrideFest Booth- Bon
Secours Training Center

Next Sunday: September 15

- 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
- 2:00 PM ESL Leader Meeting-226
- 4:00 PM Youth Group Activities
- 4:00 PM Koinonia Communion
Training- DFH

Sunday Worship Schedule

Date

Sept. 15

Sermon Title

Affinities, Soft Invites, and Pivoting

Scripture

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

Welcome into Christian Membership:

Dorothy Gonzalez – Transfer from Southside Church of Nazarene, Chesterfield

Stephen, Summer, and Sierra Lannan - Transfer from Bermuda Hundred UMC

Doug & Debbie Riney - Doug is transferring from Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Newton, Iowa. Debbie is transferring from Cameron UMC, Alexandria, VA.

Jesse & Brenda Stacy - Reaffirmation of Faith

Church Picnic: Today, 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 is also New Disciple Sunday, where we welcome and celebrate those who have recently joined our Church family. Food will be set up in the Fellowship Hall.

Fifth & Sixth Grade Game Night: Friday, September 13, 6:30 PM -8:30 PM, Annex. Are you ready for another game night? Food, games and fun! POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

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.
POC: Pastor Nathan nathandecker@chesterumc.org

Saving Grace: A Guide to Financial Well-Being: Sunday, September 15, during The Gathering Sunday School class. 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 or text Sonja at 804-543-3036.

KEEP IN PRAYER: Brooke & Mary Ann Hamilton; Pamela Brown; Deb Quidort; Debbie Hubley; Angel Van Ash; Heather Escobar; Seth & Beth Davis; The family of Lionel Enders Parker; Judy White; Stella Staley; Angie Lawhon; Edward Boroch; The family of Keith Woods; Summer Lannan; Terry Wortham; Teresa Morgan; 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 Manna; Joe & Diane Manna; Summer Vaughn; Margie Donald; Lynda Richardson; Sandra Cherny; Mary Tyree; Ken Farmer; Susie Hall; Ella Hilton; Jo Kiser; Erika Hilton

Our Presence on September 1, 2024

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| 8:30 AM Fresh Start..... | 104 |
| 9:45 AM Bridge Worship..... | 52 |
| 11:00 AM Traditions..... | 118 |
| Online..... | 42 |
| Total Worship Attendance..... | 316 |

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, September 8, 2024

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| Greeters: | 8:30 | Steve & Joan Osborne |
| | 9:45 | Ed & Marian Garrett |
| | 11:00 | Hunter Beazley, Martha Miles |
| Ushers: | 8:30 | Gordon Jones*, Bill Comer * Head Usher |
| | 9:45 | Gordon Morris*, Kim Young |
| | 11:00 | Gordon Morris*, Andrew Brummett, Bob Kutz, Dean Hutchins, Tom Petrey |
| Nursery: | 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 | Staff Members; Carla Adams, Samantha Garcia |

Young Families Community Picnic: Saturday, September 21, 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM, Harrowgate Park Pavilion, 4001 Cougar Trail, Chester. Join us at our community picnic. We will provide hot dogs and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. To register, use this link: <https://gforms.app/r/66FDLCA> POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

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 or Marg Kutz margkutz72@gmail.com



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

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 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

Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, September 15, 2024

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| Greeters: | 8:30 | Laura Houglund |
| | 9:45 | Ed & Marian Garrett |
| | 11:00 | Hunter Beazley, Martha Miles |
| Ushers: | 8:30 | Wendell Landis*, Ron Dombrowski * Head Usher |
| | 9:45 | Will Herrmann*, Scott Pugh |
| | 11:00 | Beth Stewart*, Larry Koon, Bob Kutz, Steve & Joan Osborne |
| 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. All are welcome. Wrestling with
Doubt, Finding Faith, join best-selling author and pastor Adam Hamilton as he discusses
some of our most significant sources of doubt and shows how a steady trust in God can emerge
from them. 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. 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>.

POCs: Carolyn Landis landisfamily05@gmail.com and Eric Houglund ehouglund88@gmail.com

Seekers Sunday School Class: 9:40 AM, Room 226. Join us as we study "*Luke- Jesus and the
Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*", by Adam Hamilton. Book study through Sept. 22.
All adults are welcome. POC: Gordon Jones JONESGJ215@gmail.com

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

Middle & High School, Sunday School Class: 9:45 AM, Annex Loft. Grades 6-12.
POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

Youth Group: Grades 6th-12th, resuming Sunday, September 15, 4:00 PM -5:30 PM, Annex. We
will be meeting weekly for fun, fellowship and outreach.
POCs: Emily Smith & Jess Hargraves (youthleaders@chesterumc.org)

Bridge Builders: Meets 2nd 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

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

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

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 September 17. 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 September 11. Singers of all skill levels are welcome to join! POC: Joshua Wortham music@chesterumc.org

Handbells: Wednesdays, 5:45 PM, Sanctuary; Resumes September 18. 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 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

Women's Fellowship Luncheon: 3rd Thursdays, usually at 1:30 PM. Join us each month at a local restaurant for good food and conversation. **This month the luncheon will be at 11:30 AM, Thursday September 19, 11:30 AM,** King's Corner Restaurant, Chesterfield County Airport, 7511 Airfield Dr, N. Chesterfield. POC: Joan Osborne 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 wva_lady@verizon.net

Women's Christian Book Club: 1st Thursdays, 6:30 PM, CUMC Parlor. *The Potluck Club: Trouble's Brewing, (Book 2)*, by Shepard & Everson. POC: Jennifer Brame jrbrooksieec@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

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 2nd Sunday, 12:15 PM, 116. 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

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 2nd & 4th 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

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: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:00 PM- 8:30 PM.
POC: Pastor Nathan for more information. nathandecker@chesterumc.org

Snacks for ESL: CUMC provides snacks for adult ESL students throughout the year. If you can volunteer, please contact Lynn Crump lynncrumppla@gmail.com

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)

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/VYcursRQUSBmB149>
POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

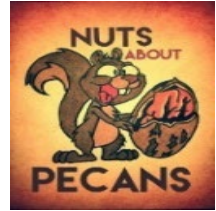
Backpack Ministry: As we enter a new school year, we are preparing for another year of feeding food-insecure children. If you shop for items we ask for peanut butter (16 oz), mac & cheese, Vienna sausages, canned chicken, Spam/Treet, Rice-a-Roni, Pasta-Roni, Tuna Helper, canned tuna, Pop Tarts, applesauce 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 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.

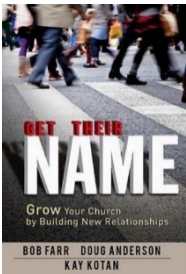
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Whaley Pecans Annual Sale by the Ladies of Faith. Orders are being taken now. Harvesting will be late October with delivery in early November. Payment can be made in advance or when picking up pecans. Proceeds earned from the pecan sale are donated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



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

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.

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, 804-586-4189.

Message of Gratitude- I want to thank my family at CUMC for the love and support shown to my husband and I as we recently dealt with the passing of my father. The lovely cards and kind sentiments touched us deeply and will always be remembered. I have placed them on the fireplace mantel and they continue to provide me comfort each day.

Kindest Regards,
Sherie Orton

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

CUMC Preschool is preparing for another amazing year! They will welcome five classes of bright, eager students on September 3rd. 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

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

CUMC Preschool
Amazon Wishlist



Thank You



Hobbies I like doing with other people:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Things I love about Chester UMC:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Ministries I like to do with other people at church:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Ways I can Invite New People to Experience God:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.