



November 10, 2024 – 9:45 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

I'll Fly Away
Where Could I Go?
Jesus Built This Church On Love

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Love You Lord Medley
The Anchor Holds
Craig Seal

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 127 CEB

MESSAGE

The Psalm of Solomon
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
November 10, 2024—8:30 AM



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

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Everlasting God
My Savior Lives
Give Us Clean Hands
Build Your Kingdom Here

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A Service of Worship and Praise

Sunday

11:00 AM

Welcome and Announcements
Honoring Our Veterans
Prelude

Saluted to the Armed Forces

Pianist

* Call to Worship¹ Herb McCulloch, Liturgist

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties.
For all the wonder of our country's story:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the worlds common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: O Almighty God and most merciful Father, as we remember these your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved servants with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have lost awhile, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence. Amen.

* Opening Prayer²

Righteous God, you rule the nations. Guard brave men and women in military service. Give them compassion for those who confront them as enemies. Keep our children from hate that hardens, or from scorekeeping with human lives. Though for a season they must be a people of war, let them live for peace, as eager for agreement as for victory. Encourage them as they encourage one another, and never let hard duty separate them from loyalty to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

* Hymn No. 697 *America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee)*

* 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

Indescribable

Chancel Choir
James Hargraves, guitar

Why We Give

Offertory

I Love You, Lord Medley

Craig Seal

* 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 and 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**

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Scripture Reading

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Rev. Nathan Decker

* Hymn No. 431

Let There Be Peace On Earth

* Benediction

* Choral Amen

Chancel Choir

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

¹<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/suggestions-for-observing-veterans-day-november-11-in-worship>

²Book of Worship, pg. 54

Calendar

November 10, 2024 – November 17, 2024

Today: Sunday, November 10

8:15 AM Nursery until 12:00 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

***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!***

11:00 AM Traditions Worship-
Sanctuary

11:00 AM Children's Play Practice-
DFH

12:15 PM Bridge Builders-116

4:00 PM Youth Activity-Annex

Monday: November 11

6:30 PM Boy Scouts

7:00 PM Music Reading-Music Ste

Tuesday: November 12

10:30 AM Joy Singers-Music Suite

3:00 PM Rest Stop-Annex

7:00 PM ESL-205, 213, 221, 226

7:00 PM Special Presentation- DFH

Wednesday: November 13

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

12:00 PM Trustees Meeting- Annex

5:45 PM Children's Wacky Wed-
Trinity UMC

5:45 PM Youth Bible Study-Trinity

Thursday: November 14

5:45 PM Handbell Choir- Music Ste

6:30 PM Crew-206

7:00 PM Chancel Choir- Music Ste

10:30 AM Ada Mae Bookman-226 &
DFH

1:30 PM Prayer Shawl- Parlor

7:00 PM ESL-205, 213, 221, 226

7:00 PM Finance Meeting-116

Friday: November 15

Saturday: November 16

6:00 PM Young Families

Friendsgiving and Game
Night-DFH

Next Sunday: November 17

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

11:00 AM Children's Play Practice-
DFH

4:00 PM Youthsgiving- Annex

Next Sunday Worship

November 17

The Worth of One

Ruth 1:6-17, Luke 15:1-10 NRSVUE

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

A Very Special Thank You to all of our Veterans for their courage, dedication, and sacrifices. Your service has helped shape the freedoms and opportunities we cherish today. We honor your commitment and the bravery you displayed in protecting our country and its values. Thank you

for your unwavering patriotism, and may you always be recognized and respected for all that you have done.

Flood Buckets: If you have not brought back your Flood Bucket, please return it to the Church ASAP. Thank you to all who generously donated towards this mission.

CCHASM Thanksgiving Meal Packages Are Due Today! Consider a monetary donation to help provide Thanksgiving meals to the ones in need.

Special Presentation: Tuesday, November 12, 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall. Please join us as Church Council presents CUMC's Five Year Plan. All are encouraged to attend this meaningful and informative presentation. POC: Pastor Nathan nathandecker@chesterumc.org

Young Families Friendsgiving & Game Night: Saturday, November 16, 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM, DFH. You are invited to join us for the time of food, games, and fellowship. Invite your friends. Please bring a side dish to share. The main dish and beverages will be provided. Sign up with this QR code or through this link: <https://forms.gle/73e8M9AzF7XcYe1D9>
POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org



CCHASM Thanksgiving Event: November 18 through November 23. Sign up to volunteer for the CCHASM/ M.A. Weeks Thanksgiving Dinner distribution event. Use this link to sign up: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844A9AB2CA2F5C52-50359303-2024#/#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844A9AB2CA2F5C52-50359303-2024#/)

Women's Fellowship Luncheon: Thursday, November 21, 11:30 AM, O'Charley's Restaurant, 12301 Bermuda Cross Road, Chester. Join us for a time of fellowship and good food. Please RSVP no later than Monday, November 18. POC: Joan Osborne josbor61@gmail.com

Thank You! We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to *Mary Musselwhite* and *Terry Wisegarver* for their dedicated efforts in putting together our Church's Pictorial Directory. Their time, attention to detail, and commitment to this project have created a valuable resource that will help our congregation stay connected for years to come.

Poinsettia & Wreath Sales: It's that time of year again! Help beautify the Sanctuary for Christmas. Find the order form in the bulletin today. Due no later than Sunday, December 1,

KEEP IN PRAYER: Dorothy Gonzalez; Diane Duffy; Dustin Munchel; Heather & Matt Escobar; Jane Spain; Bob & Johnnie Davis; Robin Sitten; Doug Pike; Bob Chenoweth; Harley Young; Sandra Cherny; Sharon Buchanan; Caroline Maxwell; David & Patti Lacy; Keith Green; Victoria Harrington; Marie Purdue; Pam Overton; Syrl Ellis; Susan Young; Brooke & Mary Ann Hamilton; Pamela Brown; Seth & Beth Davis; Judy White; Angie Lawhon; Edward Boroch; Summer Lannan; Teresa Morgan; Wayne & Ginny Virag; Gary Williams; Jim & Dee Watkins; Deborah Napolitano; Mary Luther; Barbara & Buck Dance; Charles Cressell; Harold Worcester; Debra Harms; Gwen Byer; Casey Jones; Mary Ann Bellamy; Dick Weis; Penny Creed; Bryan

Mannetta; Joe & Diane Mannetta; Summer Vaughn; Lynda Richardson; Mary Tyree; Ken Farmer; Susie Hall; Ella Hilton; Jo Kiser; Erika Hilton

Our Presence on November 3, 2024

8:30 AM Fresh Start..... 88
9:45 AM Walk4Water..... 53
11:00 AM Traditions..... 128
Online..... 42
Total Worship Attendance..... 311

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, November 10, 2024

Greeters: **8:30** Steve & Joan Osborne
 9:45 Stephanie Decker
 11:00 Donna Nunery, Sharon Buchanan

Ushers: **8:30** Gordon Jones*, Ron Dombrowski * Head Usher
 9:45 Gordon Morris*, Kim Young
 11:00 Will Herrmann*, Bob Kutz, Geoff LeSueur, Jeff Marlin, Tom Petrey

8:30, 9:45, 11:00 Staff Members; Carla Adams, Samantha Garcia



your bank or credit union does not offer Zelle yet, just download the Zelle app to get started. Once you enroll, all you need to donate money to the Church is our e-mail address finance@chesterumc.org Simply select the Zelle payment option on your

bank's app, input our e-mail address above or scan this QR Code.

POC: Julie Jones, Financial Administrator, finance@chesterumc.org

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. POC: Team Leader, Susan Petrey, (804) 938-5396.

Stephen Ministry: Stephen Ministry needs your help! There are people in our congregation and community who could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister. You can likely name two or three yourself- A young person seeking direction. Someone grieving a loss. A person with chronic or life-threatening illness. Someone whose marriage has ended. We have trained Stephen Ministers ready to walk alongside these same people. If you are aware of someone who could benefit from a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Nathan, pastordeckergmail.com or Steve Osborne sosbor60@gmail.com.



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



Sunday Fresh Start Donut Schedule: November 10: Laura Houglan; November 17: Eileen Steck; November 24: Laurie & Chip Cobb; December 1: Laura Houglan; December 8: Laura Houglan; December 15: Laurie & Chip Cobb; December 22: Eileen Steck; December 29: Eileen Steck.

Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, November 17, 2024

Greeters:	8:30 Laura Houglan	
	9:45 Ed & Marian Garrett	
	11:00 Hunter Beazley, Martha Miles	
Ushers:	8:30 Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer	* Head Usher
	9:45 Jim Watkins*, Pat Stanfield	
	11:00 Herb McCulloch*, Marshall Henry, Larry Koon, Tom Petrey, Don Schmidt	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:45, 11:00 Staff Members; Carla Adams, Samantha Garcia	

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, at the top of the old stairway. New to CUMC? Looking for a small group? Join the Fresh Start Sunday School Class in study, fellowship, and service. All are welcome. *The Gospel of John*, by Amy-Jill Levine.
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 Houglan ehouglan88@gmail.com

Seekers Sunday School Class: 9:40 AM, Room 226. We are studying the book, *Leverage Your Life*, by Josh Barrick. 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, 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).

Beginner Reading-Music Classes: Mondays, 7:00 PM, Music Suite. Learn to read music. For more information, call or email Tom McHugh at (804) 240-2456 vthokietom@gmail.com.

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

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

Youth Bible Study: Wednesdays, 5:45 PM- 7:00 PM, Trinity UMC, 6600 Greenyard Rd, Chester. POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

Kidz Zone Wacky Wednesdays: Wednesdays, 5:45 PM-7:00 PM, Trinity UMC, 6600 Greenyard Rd, Chester. POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

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

Handbells: Wednesdays, 5:45 PM, Sanctuary. 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

Women's Fellowship Luncheon: 3rd Thursdays, 11:30 AM. Join us each month at a local restaurant for good food and conversation. November 21 lunch at O'Charley's Restaurant, 12301 Bermuda Cross Road. RSVP no later than Monday, November 18. 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. 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

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:** Meets on the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 PM, Room 205. POC: Susan Petrey 804-938-5396

- **The Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship:** Meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month, 10:30 AM, Room 226. *Next meeting, Thursday, November 14.*
POC: Martha Miles, 804-748-5476

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

Backpack Ministry: Thanks to everyone who is supporting this ministry with gifts of food or monetary donations. It takes a lot to feed 63 children every weekend and we couldn't do it without your help. We are blessed to have folks like Tim and Michael at the Kroger Ironbridge Marketplace store who donated 10 cases of peanut butter earlier this school year. We also received over 200 cans of pasta from Faith & Family Church on Walmsley Blvd. in Richmond. These donations help us stretch our money even further. If you are a part of an organization that looks for ways to help, please consider suggesting our Backpack Ministry. We are available to come to a meeting and explain about our program and the needs. As always, thank you.
POC: Karen Comer kgcomer@verizon.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

Service to Flooded Damascus, VA – Due to Hurricane Helene there is a great need for clean-up and rebuilding. We have been contacted by Ministry BGAV, ImpactMissionsMovement.org, that we worked with in Grundy a couple of years ago. If we have enough interest, we will pull a team together. POC: Lynn Crump at lynncrumppla@gmail.com

Christmas Parade Treats: The Chester Christmas Parade will take place on Sunday, December 8, at 2:00 PM. Our youth group will participate with a float and treats. They have asked the United Methodist Women for help with the treats. We are asking for your help collecting individually wrapped hard Christmas candies. You can place your contributions in the Mission Closet in the tub labeled Christmas Parade Treats. ***The deadline for donations is Sunday, December 1.*** For more information call Susan Petrey, 804/938-5396.

Posada Celebration: Saturday, December 7, 5:00 PM -7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall. You're invited to share Christmas joy with our ESL friends and Latino community. How can you support this mission?

- Wrap a shoebox and fill it with small gifts for a child (girls/boys; ages 0-2, 3-5, 4-8, 9-14). The box must not be wrapped shut. Wrap the lid separately so the box may be opened and inspected. Place the filled box in the Church Mission closet no later than **Tuesday, December 3.**
- Donate toward the cost of the main dish and sides we're providing.
- Help with the celebration, especially if you speak Spanish.
- Pray for a meaningful event that builds stronger connections.

POC: Kris Spadaccia kspadaccia@outlook.com 804-357-7463 (please text first)

Christmas Cookies Needed: The UMW will be selling Homemade Christmas Cookies by the tin following both worship services on Sunday, December 15. UMW and members of the congregation, please commit to donating homemade cookies. Call or email Katey McCarney, 402-0084 or ks.petrey@gmail.com , and leave your name, phone number, how many dozen, and what kind of cookie you will prepare. Cookies should be delivered to the church kitchen on **Saturday, December 14, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.** POC: Katey McCarney

Christmas Cookie Sale: Sunday, December 15, following all worship services. The United Methodist Women will be selling homemade Christmas cookies by the tin. Proceeds will go to support our gifts to missions- local, national and international, including, but not limited to our CUMC food pantry, Backpack Ministries, United Methodist Family Services, and UMCOR. *Sign up in the pew pad* with your name, phone number, whether you'd like a \$5, \$10 or \$20 tin, and any food restrictions-peanuts, gluten, etc. *How It Works:* You will pick your tin, go down the row and select your choice of cookies to fill the tin. These are not prefilled tins unless you call and specifically request prefilled. All orders are due no later than December 3. Questions? Call Katey Petrey, 402-0084.

Christmas Pageant: Sunday, December 15, 8:30 AM, CUMC Sanctuary. Invite your friends and family to the Kidz Zone Christmas Play. Experience our amazing "WOW!" Christmas Nativity Play. POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

Advent Study: This December: virtual Sunday nights and in-person Monday mornings. The Old Testament ends with the book of Malachi, and the New Testament begins with the book of Matthew leaving a gap of approximately 400 years, known as the "silent years." In this study we will explore the events and the possible impact of these "silent years" on the Jewish people, their faith, and the arrival of Jesus. Join us for three sessions with two options:

- Sunday nights (December. 1, 8, 15), 5:00 PM-6:00 PM, Via Zoom.

- Monday mornings (December 2, 9, 16), 10:00 AM-11:00 AM, in person, Room 216 Marg Kutz will be facilitating this study. No study book or homework. Please sign up by calling the Church Office 748-6006, or email the Church Office, office@chesterumc.org

Confirmation Class: Confirmation class is a spiritual journey of youth who wish to grow in their faith in Jesus. All youth are welcome to participate; previous Baptism is not a requirement; previously confirmed youth are also welcome. We are planning to have a Confirmation Interest Meeting for parents and youth on January 26, 2025, 2:00 PM at the Annex. If your youth is interested in growing more in their spiritual journey, please sign up through this link: <https://forms.gle/sVsFrLwFqGndQfNg7> POCs: Pastor Nathan and Juliana Paradie

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#/)

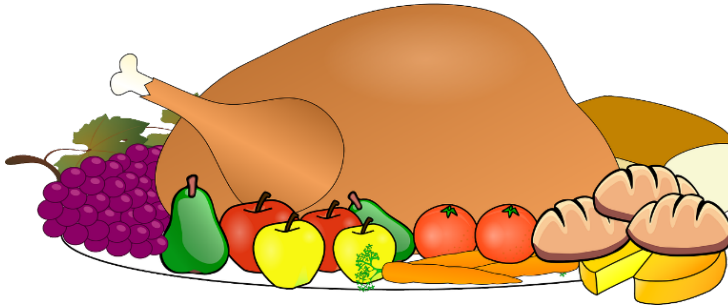


Veteran Cards Appreciation: Karen Cole would like to thank you and express her heartfelt gratitude to each of you who took the time to write cards of appreciation. Your thoughtful messages of thanks and recognition mean so much to those who have served. Cards were distributed to Richmond VA Medical Center and Sitter & Barefoot Veterans Care Center. Toothbrushes, toiletries, knit caps, gloves, notepads, and 2025 calendars were also given. Your kindness helps remind them that their dedication and sacrifices are truly valued. Thank you to all the individuals, groups, and organizations for your support and for honoring our veterans in such a meaningful way. A special thank you to all our church servicemen and women veterans, who protected our families and country.

Snacks for ESL: CUMC provides snacks for adult ESL students throughout the year. Please consider donating snacks and/or volunteering as a snack host/ hostess. To volunteer, contact Lynn Crump, lynncrumppla@gmail.com

A Place of Miracles Clothing Closet is so thankful for the many contributions. They are collecting personal hygiene items, linens, towels, diapers, and un-opened formula. POC: Diane Merryman at dianemerryman@gmail.com, 804-586-4189.

Monetary donations and meal packages are due *TODAY!*



THANKSGIVING MEAL GIFT PACKAGES: Chesterfield Colonial Heights Alliance for Social Ministry (CCHASM) Thanksgiving Meal Packages are distributed every year to the needy in our area who have preregistered with CCHASM. A \$20 gift card for perishable items (butter, fresh vegetables, turkey) is included in every package. (CCHASM purchases these at a discount.) **Please consider donating money** for the gift cards because these are always needed. (Checks payable to CUMC; Memo: CCHASM Thanksgiving.) CCHASM assisted over 3,000 Chesterfield County families last year!
POC: Barbara Yandle dkyandle@verizon.net

A COMPLETE MEAL GIFT PACKAGE INCLUDES

- 1 – 40 OZ. CAN of YAMS or SWEET POTATOES
- 1 – 13 OZ. BOX of MASHED POTATOES
- 1 – 14 OZ. CAN of CRANBERRY SAUCE
- 2 – 15 OZ. CANS of CORN
- 2 – 15 OZ. CANS of GREEN VEGETABLES
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PLEASE TAKE NOTE

- ✓ CCHASM cannot give out expired food.
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- ✓ If possible, place in doubled paper bags with handles or canvas grocery bags.



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E-Mail _____

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TOTAL \$ _____

**** Please include payment with your order.
(Checks payable to CUMC; Memo: Poinsettias/Wreaths)***

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