



November 24, 2024 – 9:45 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Awesome is the Lord Most High
Soon and Very Soon
Bigger Than Any Mountain
I Refuse

SPECIAL MUSIC

Love is the Reason
Monte Nagy

SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 23:1-7 NRSVUE

MESSAGE

Not of this World
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 24, 2024—8:30 AM



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

WORSHIP MUSIC

I Am Free

Awesome is the Lord Most High

Power of Your Love

I Refuse

SPECIAL MUSIC

Love is the Reason

Monte Nagy

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:18-22 The Message

MESSAGE

A New Kind of Calling

Juliana Paradie

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November 24, 2024

A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

Christ the King
Sunday

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Our Neighbors

Prelude

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Organist

* Call to Worship¹

Penn Shultz, Liturgist

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was, and is to come.

People: We come to worship the one who rules justly.

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, the ruler of the kings of the earth!

People: Bread of Heaven, God with us!

Leader: Good Shepherd, True Vine!

People: Eternal Word, Great I Am.

Leader: Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace!

People: We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords! To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

* Hymn No. 102

Now Thank We All Our God

* Opening Prayer²

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

* 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

Fairest Lord Jesus

Chancel Choir

Why We Give

Offertory

Love is the Reason

Monte Nagy

* 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**

Hymn No. 131

We Gather Together

Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 23:1-7

NRSVUE

Message

The Best Leaders All Follow

Rev. Nathan Decker

* Hymn

We Are Called

* Benediction

* Choral Amen

Chancel Choir

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

¹ <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/call-to-worship-for-christ-the-kingreign-of-christ-sunday>

² Worship and Song Resources, #87

Calendar

November 24, 2024 – December 1, 2024

Today: Sunday, November 24

- 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-Various
Youth Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditions Worship-
Sanctuary.
- 11:00 AM Play Practice-DFH
- 4:00 PM Youth Activity- Annex

Monday: November 25

- 10:00 AM Bulletin Deadline
- 9:00 AM Stephen Leaders- 116
- 10:00 AM Worship Committee
- 6:00 PM Pride Team Meeting-226
- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts
- 7:00 PM Music Reading-Music Ste

Tuesday: November 26

- 10:30 AM Joy Singers-Music Suite
- 3:00 PM Rest Stop-Annex
- 7:00 PM Cancel Choir- Music Suite

Wednesday: November 27

- **Church Office Closed**
- 5:45 PM Wacky Wednesday- Trinity
- 5:45 PM Youth Bible Study-Trinity

Thursday: November 28

- **Happy Thanksgiving !**
- **Church Office Closed**

Friday: November 29

- **Church Office Closed**

Saturday: November 30

- 6:00 PM Young Families
Friendsgiving and Game
Night-DFH

Next Sunday: December 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
- 11:00 AM Children's Play Practice-
DFH
- 1:30 PM Key Club Meeting-116
- 4:00 PM NO Youth Activity Today
- 5:00 PM Advent Study-Virtual

Sunday Worship

December 1	Inviting the Waiting	Luke 2:25-38
December 8	Inviting the Overthrow of the Empire	Luke 1:39-56 NRSV

***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.

Whaley Pecans Are Here! If you ordered pecans, they are available for pick up in the Church office Monday-Thursday, 8:30 AM- 2:00 PM. Make checks payable to: Ladies of Faith
POC: Lorraine Young youngppw@aol.com

Poinsettia & Wreath Sales: Order Today! Help beautify the Sanctuary for Christmas. Find an order form in this bulletin. Wreaths will remain in the Sanctuary windows. Poinsettias may be taken home after Christmas. Orders are due no later than Sunday, December 1. Please make checks payable to CUMC (Memo: wreath or poinsettia.)

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. We will provide an authentic meal. If you have unwrapped or wrapped shoeboxes that you can donate, please reach out to Kris Spadaccia or drop them off at the Church Office by November 24.

How can you support this mission?

- Wrap a shoebox or grab a prewrapped shoebox from the Welcome Center and fill it with small gifts for a child. (girls/boys; ages 0-2, 3-5, 4-8, 9-14). Pick up the instruction and suggestions list by the shoeboxes. Wrap the box 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 will be providing.
- Help with the celebration, especially if you speak Spanish.
- Pray for a meaningful event that builds stronger connections.



To sign up to attend the Posada Celebration, use the QR code or use this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4DADAD2FA4FFC16-52783538-posada#/>

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

"Ballad of Bethlehem" Christmas Concert, Sunday, December 15, 11:00 AM; Monday, December 16, and Tuesday, December 17, 7:00 PM. On Monday and Tuesday night, we will be teaming up with the Chancel Choir from Trinity UMC (Chesterfield.) Come hear 80 voices and our chamber orchestra proclaiming the miracle of Christmas!

Red Cross Blood Drive: Wednesday, December 18, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. All blood types are needed. Use this link to reserve a donation appointment.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=chesterumcva>

For help with online scheduling please call 1-855-210-1278.

Keep In Prayer: Anthony Napolitano; 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 Borocho; 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 Manna; Joe & Diane Manna; Summer Vaughn; Lynda Richardson; Mary Tyree; Ken Farmer; Susie Hall; Ella Hilton; Jo Kiser; Erika Hilton

Our Presence on November 17, 2024

8:30 AM Fresh Start..... 80
 9:45 AM Bridge 79
 11:00 AM Traditions..... 189
 Online..... 40
Total Worship Attendance 388

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/blV9Ty> 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 24, 2024

Greeters:	8:30	Andy & Eileen Steck	
	9:45	Stephanie Decker	
	11:00	Linda Large & Will Schmidt	
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones*, Ron Dombrowski	* Head Usher
	9:45	Jim Watkins*, Kim Young	
	11:00	Gary Williams*, Andrew Brummette, Bob Kutz, Jeff Marlin, Kay Williams	
Nursery:	8:30, 9:45, 11:00	Staff Members; Carla Adams, Samantha Garcia	

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

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, pastordeckerg@gmail.com or Steve Osborne sosbor60@gmail.com.



Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, December 1, 2024

Greeters:	8:30	Karen Comer
	9:45	Jesse & Brenda Stacy
	11:00	Betty Labin, Jim Rhodes
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones*, Bill Comer * Head Usher
	9:45	Herb McCulloch*, Scott Pugh
	11:00	Beth Stewart*, Andrew Brummette, Bob Huffman, Jane Huffman, Steve Osborne
Communion:	8:30	Juliana Paradie, Caroline Morgan, Paige Irving
	9:45	Marg Kutz, Jack O’Connell, John Hall
	11:00	Steve Osborne, Colton Kasky, Sandy Sims
Advent Candle:	8:30	Eric & Laura Houglund
	9:45	Jack O’Connell
	11:00	Joel Furtick
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, 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. Beginning December 1, *The Christmas Letters*, by Margrey deVega. 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 Hougland ehougland88@gmail.com

Seekers Sunday School Class: 9:40 AM, Room 226. Our Advent Study, *Christmas From The Back Side*, by J. Ellsworth Kalas, will be covered November 24 through January 5. 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. (*No meeting in December*) 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 Apartments (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. Next semester: January 7 through March 11. POC: Pastor Nathan 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 Company, 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. December 19, lunch at Howlett's Restaurant in Chester. RSVP no later than Monday, December 16. 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. Our November read is, *Though I Stumble*, by Kim Cash Tate. Amazon link <https://a.co/d/gIw7jB3>. Next meeting is December 5, potluck meal and holiday celebration in *Davis Fellowship Hall*. . 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. *Next meeting, Monday, December 2.* POC: Susan Petrey 804-938-5396
- **The Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship:** Meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month, 10:30 AM, Room 226. *On December 12, we will meet in Davis Fellowship Hall.* POC: Martha Miles, 804-748-5476

Bridge Builders: Meets 2nd Sunday, 12:15 PM, 116. (*No meeting in December.*) 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 could not do it without your help. 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

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

A Big Thank You to all who contributed to this year's CCHASM Thanksgiving Program! On Monday of this week 39 bags of groceries were delivered to CCHASM's distribution site as well as our monetary donation of \$3,910.91 and four \$20 gift cards. Our donations will help to provide a wonderful holiday meal for our local families in need. Last year this program helped more than 9,336 adults and children from Dinwiddie County, Prince George County, Chesterfield County, Hopewell, Colonial Heights, and Petersburg to receive a healthy Thanksgiving meal. Many thanks for your support!

Happy Birthday Jesus- Preschool Party: Saturday December 7, 10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall. Preschoolers, please join us for the Happy Birthday Jesus Party to celebrate Jesus' birth. Games, activities, video, snacks, and of course a birthday cake! All preschoolers, from birth to Pre-K and siblings are welcome. Parents will need to stay to assist their children.
POC: Jackie Farley j.farley312@comcast.net

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

Christmas Cookie Sale:

- **Cookies Needed!** The UMW will be selling Homemade Christmas Cookies by the Tin in the Fellowship Hall, following both worship services on **Sunday, December 15**. United Methodist Women and members of the congregation, please commit to donate homemade cookies. Call or email Katey McCarney, 402-0084 or ks.petrey@gmail.com, and leave your name, a phone number, how many dozen and what kind of cookie you will prepare. Deliver cookies to the church kitchen on Saturday, December 14, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. Questions? Call Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396.
- **Christmas Cookie Sale:** Sunday, December 15, Davis Fellowship Hall. The UMW will be selling Homemade Christmas Cookies by the tin in the Fellowship Hall, following both worship services. Proceeds will go to support our gifts to mission local, national and international, including, but not limited to, our CUMC food pantry and Backpack Ministries, United Methodist Family Services, and the United Methodist Committee on Relief. **Sign up in the pew register with your name, phone number, whether you'd like a \$5, \$10 or \$20 tin**, and whether you have any food restrictions (gluten, peanuts, etc.). **How it works:** You 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 Susan Petrey, 804/938-5396.



Christmas Cards For Veterans: Share the holiday cheer with Veterans at Richmond VA Medical Center and Barfoot Veterans Care Center by writing a message of gratitude . Sign only your first name and leave the envelope unsealed. Drop off cards to the Missions Closet or place them in the Sharing Bin outside in the Church parking lot, no later than Sunday, December 15. POC: Karen Cole, karen.k.cole67@gmail.com

Advent Study: Marg Kutz will be facilitating this study. 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. No study book or homework. Please sign up in the Pew Pad, or call the Church Office at 748-6006, or email the Church Office, office@chesterumc.org

Join us for three sessions with two options:

- Sunday nights (December. 1, 8, 15), 5:00 PM-6:00 PM, Via Zoom.
Use this Zoom link: <https://calendar.app.google/Y75Uc2t4vCuJiYni6>
- Monday mornings (December 2, 9, 16), 10:00 AM-11:00 AM, in person, Room 216

Volunteers Needed on Christmas Eve: We are in need a few volunteers to vacuum the Church Sanctuary directly after the 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM Christmas Eve services. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Church Office 748-6006 or office@chesterumc.org.

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

2026 Youth International Missions Trip: Youth Group is planning to go to Guatemala for an International Missions Trip. If your youth is interested, please fill out this survey. Your child must be age 13 by 2026. Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/QAQX3GFA1ANxCSDp9>

A Place of Miracles Clothing Closet is requesting coats and gloves- all sizes, all genders. Newborn clothes and diapers, boy's clothes sizes 7 to 9, personal hygiene items- soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, and conditioner.

POC: Diane Merryman at dianemerryman@gmail.com, 804-586-4189



Zelle Giving: Zelle is a great way to send your donations to the church. Find Zelle in the mobile banking app of your bank. You must have a smartphone to use Zelle. If 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.



Looking Ahead

<i>Sunday, December 15</i>	<i>8:30 AM</i>	<i>Children's Christmas Pageant</i>
	<i>9:45 AM</i>	<i>No Bridge Service</i>
	<i>11:00 AM</i>	<i>Christmas Concert</i>
<i>Monday, December 16</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Christmas Concert</i>
<i>Tuesday, December 17</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Christmas Concert</i>
<i>Tuesday, December 24</i>	<i>3:00 PM</i>	<i>Family Christmas Eve Service</i>
	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>Traditional Candlelight Service</i>
	<i>10:00 PM</i>	<i>Traditional Candlelight Service</i>



CUMC Christmas Sharing Tree: CUMC has collaborated with Chesterfield Mental Health Support Services for more than 12 years to provide Christmas cheer to roughly 100 adults who are developmentally challenged. Look for the sharing tree in the Welcome Center **next week**.

The Church Office will be closed Wednesday, November 27 and Thursday, November 28, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Please have all bulletin submissions turned into the Church Office no later than 10:00 AM, Monday, November 25.



Poinsettia & Wreath Order Form
7-Inch Pot of Red Poinsettias (\$25.00 each)
Fresh Wreaths (\$40.00 each)

Fresh Poinsettias will adorn our church from Sunday, December 15, through Christmas Eve. We will also hang fresh **wreaths** on the Sanctuary windows. Please order wreaths to **donate** to the church. *Wreaths must stay at the church and will not be taken home, please.*

All orders are due by Sunday, December 1.

Name _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail _____

My Order: _____	(Qty.) Red Poinsettia(s) at \$25.00 each	\$ _____
_____	(Qty.) Fresh Wreath(s) at \$40.00 each	\$ _____
	TOTAL	\$ _____

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

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