



*December 29, 2024 – 9:45 AM*

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

Sweeter as the Days Go By  
Where Could I Go  
Soon and Very Soon  
Mighty to Save

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Reaching  
*Joshua Wortham*

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 2:1-12 CEB

**MESSAGE**

Invitation to a Changed Life  
*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**  
December 29, 2024—8:30 AM

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

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

Awesome is the Lord Most High  
Everyday  
Christmas Carol Medley  
Offering (Christmas Version)

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December 29, 2024

A Service of Worship and Praise

Sunday

11:00 AM

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Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Our Neighbors

Prelude

*Christmas Celebration*

Organist

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

Jane Huffman, Liturgist

Leader: Darkness is banished!

**People: God's light has come to us!**

Leader: The brightness of the Star leads us!

**People: We come to celebrate God's abiding love!**

Leader: Glory be to God in the Highest!

**People: And on earth, peace forever.**

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

**Loving God, who breaks through the darkness of doubt and despair, be with us this day as we hear of the visit of the Wise Ones, who risked everything to follow a Star. Let us open our hearts and be willing to risk receiving the gift of gracious Love that you have to offer us in the form of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\* Hymn No. 245

*The First Noel*

\* 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

*Reaching*

Joshua Wortham

Why We Give

Offertory

*Hallelujah (Light Has Come)*

Renee Harvey

\* 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. 249

*There's a Song in the Air*

Scripture

*Luke 1:57-66*

GNT

Message

*Invitation to Awe*

Rev. Nathan Decker

\* Hymn No. 251

*Go, Tell it on the Mountain*

\* Benediction

\* Choral Amen

Chancel Choir

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

<sup>1</sup><https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4511/worship-connection-epiphany-sunday>

**The Altar Flowers** are given by Dick & Bonnie Cauthorne to the glory of God and in celebration of the abundant and endless love of God.

# Calendar

*December 29, 2024 – January 5, 2025*

## **Today: Sunday, December 29**

- 8:15 AM Nursery until 12:00 PM
- 8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship-Sanctuary
- 9:45 AM Bridge Worship -Sanctuary  
Sun Sch PreK-107  
Sun Sch Gr K-5-206  
Adult SS-Various  
Youth Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditions Worship-Sanctuary
- 4:00 PM No Youth Activity

## **Monday: December 30**

- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts- DFH

## **Tuesday: December 31**

## **Wednesday: January 1- Happy New Year!**

*Church Office Closed*

- 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

## **Thursday: January 2**

- 6:30 PM Women's Christian Book Club- Parlor

## **Friday: January 3**

## **Saturday: January 4**

## **Next Sunday: January 5**

- 8:15 AM Nursery until 12 PM
- 8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship-
- 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- 116
- 2:00 PM Chancel Choir  
Performance- Chester  
Village Seniors
- 4:00 PM Youth Activity- Annex

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## **Sunday Worship**

January 5

Matthew 2:1-12 NRSV

Return By Another Way

*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.

**The Church Office** will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, as we celebrate the New Year.

**ESL Classes**: English as a Second Language: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM, Rooms 205, 214, 226. New semester, January 7 through March 11.

POC: Pastor Nathan Decker [nathandecker@chesterumc.org](mailto:nathandecker@chesterumc.org)

**Small Group Leadership Lunch**: Sunday, January 12, 12:00 PM, DFH.

POC: Jeff Marlin [jeff.marlinabd@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.marlinabd@gmail.com)

**Community Movie Night**: Saturday, January 18, 6:00 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall.

Join us for *Despicable Me 4*. Popcorn and drinks provided. Concessions will be available for additional treats. Use this QR code to register.

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



**Salad Luncheon**: Sunday, January 19, 12:00 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. All women of the Church are invited to a luncheon meeting of the United Methodist Women (UMW), immediately following the 11:00 AM worship. Our speaker will be Lisa Stanfield, a longtime member of the Rest Stop leadership team. She will tell us about the Rest Stop program, what their plans are and how we can help. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

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

**Confirmation Class Parent and Youth Interest Meeting**: Sunday, January 26, 2:00 PM, Annex. 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. 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

**Super Bowl Sunday Soup Luncheon**: Super Bowl Sunday, February 9, 12:00 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. Join us for good food and fellowship. Proceeds will go to the United Methodist Women's mission projects. All are invited for a soup luncheon immediately following the 11:00 AM worship. The menu includes a variety of heartwarming homemade soups, corn muffins, desserts and beverages. The cost at the door is \$10 per person.

Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for more information.

**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>

**Keep In Prayer:** Becky Butler; Gina Quartuccio-Dobbs and Patrick Dobbs; Kevan Spiers and Family; Lester Harvey and Family; Michael Rodriguez; Cathy Epps; Anthony Napolitano; Dorothy Gonzalez; Diane Duffy; Dustin Munchel; Heather and Matt Escobar; Jane Spain; Bob and Johnnie Davis; Harley Young; Sandra Cherny; Sharon Buchanan; Caroline Maxwell; Victoria Harrington; Marie Purdue; Susan Young; Brooke and Mary Ann Hamilton; Pamela Brown; Seth and Beth Davis; Judy White; Angie Lawhon; Edward Borocho; Summer Lannan; Teresa Morgan; Wayne and Ginny Virag; Gary Williams; Jim and Dee Watkins; Deborah Napolitano; Mary Luther; Charles Cressell; Harold Worcester; Debra Harms; Gwen Byer; Casey Jones; Mary Ann Bellamy; Dick Weis; Penny Creed; Summer Vaughn; Lynda Richardson; Mary Tyree; Susie Hall; Ella Hilton; Jo Kiser; Erika Hilton

**Our Presence on December 22, 2024**

8:30 AM Fresh Start .....	79
9:45 AM Bridge.....	69
11:00 AM Traditions .....	168
Online .....	42
<b>Total Worship Attendance.....</b>	<b>358</b>

**Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024**

3:00 PM .....	68
7:00 PM .....	346
10:00 PM .....	111
Online .....	51
<b>Total Attendance.....</b>	<b>576</b>

**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, December 29, 2024**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Andy & Eileen Steck	
	<b>9:45</b>	Cathy Epps	
	<b>11:00</b>	Marian Perkinson, Janis Hargrave	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Gordon Jones*, Bill Comer	
	<b>9:45</b>	Beth Stewart*, Kim Young	* Head Usher
	<b>11:00</b>	Gary Williams*, Bob Kutz, Scott Pugh, Tom Petrey, Kay Williams	
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>8:30, 9:45, 11:00</b>	Carla Adams, Morgan Hall	

**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. We have trained Stephen Ministers ready to walk alongside these people. If you are aware of someone who could benefit from a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Nathan, [nathandecker@chesterumc.org](mailto:nathandecker@chesterumc.org) or Steve Osborne [sosbor60@gmail.com](mailto:sosbor60@gmail.com).



**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](mailto:lynncrumppla@gmail.com)

**Service to Flooded Damascus, VA** planning meeting, Sunday, January 12, 2:00 PM. Due to Hurricane Helene there is a 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. Please note all are welcome as we need people to fill all these roles: co-leader, construction coordinator, drivers, fundraising coordinator, journaling, meals coordinator and cooks, photographer, spiritual guide, first aid, travel coordinator, treasurer, and workers. POC: Lynn Crump at [lynncrumppla@gmail.com](mailto:lynncrumppla@gmail.com)

**Personalized Offering Envelopes:** If you have requested personalized offering envelopes, please pick up your box located on the table in the Welcome Center.

**Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, January 5, 2025**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Karen Comer
	<b>9:45</b>	Jesse & Brenda Stacy
	<b>11:00</b>	Mary Musselwhite, Jim Rhodes
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Gordon Jones*, Ron Dombrowski
	<b>9:45</b>	Beth Stewart*, Scott Pugh
	<b>11:00</b>	Will Herrmann*, Bob Huffman, Jane Huffman, Bob Kutz, Tom Petrey
<b>Communion:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Juliana Paradie, Liam Johnson, Micah Johnston
	<b>9:45</b>	Juliana Paradie, Paul Marretti, Sandra Dishman
	<b>11:00</b>	Steve Osborne, Tracey Kellam, Penn Shultz
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>8:30, 9:45, 11:00</b>	Carla Adams, Morgan Hall



## **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, 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](mailto: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](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>. POCs: Carolyn Landis [landisfamily05@gmail.com](mailto:landisfamily05@gmail.com) and  
Eric Houglan [ehouglan88@gmail.com](mailto:ehouglan88@gmail.com)

**Seekers Sunday School Class:** 9:40 AM, Room 226. 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](mailto:JONESGJ215@gmail.com)

**Senior Singles Sunday School Class:** 9:45 AM, Parlor. POC: Cynthia Corley [cacorley@ctsi.net](mailto:cacorley@ctsi.net)

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

**Youth Group:** Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 PM -5:30 PM, Annex. Meet for weekly for fun, fellowship  
and outreach. POCs: Emily Smith & Jess Hargraves [youthleaders@chesterumc.org](mailto:youthleaders@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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:music@chesterumc.org)

**Handbells:** Wednesdays, 5:45 PM, Sanctuary. 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 Company, 11884 Chester Village Drive. POC: Gordon Morris [gordo15458@aim.com](mailto:gordo15458@aim.com)

**Women's Fellowship Luncheon:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:wva_lady@verizon.net)

**Women's Christian Book Club:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays of odd months, 6:30 PM, CUMC Parlor. *Though I Stumble*, by Kim Cash Tate. Amazon link <https://a.co/d/gIw7jB3>. 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**: Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 PM, Room 205. Next meeting: January 6. POC: Susan Petrey 804-938-5396
- **The Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship**: Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, 10:30 AM, Room 226. Next meeting: January 9 POC: Martha Miles, 804-748-5476

**Bridge Builders**: Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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)

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

**Help Spread Sunday Smiles!** Our Hospitality Team needs volunteers to pick up donuts and brew coffee on the second and third Sundays of each month.  
Interested in helping? Contact Andy & Eileen Steck [andyei10twitchell@gmail.com](mailto:andyei10twitchell@gmail.com)



# LIVING WATERS DISTRICT EMPOWERMENT EVENT 2025

### Topics :

- Finance
- Lay Servant Ministries
- Nominations & Leadership Development
- Simplified Accountable Structure (SAS)
- Staff/Pastor Parish Relations
- Trustees

📅 Saturday, January 18, 2025

🕒 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

📍 Crenshaw United Methodist Church  
200 Church Street, Blackstone, VA 23824

🍽️ Lunch will be served (no charge)

*This event is free and open to all members. All attendees will have the opportunity to apply for limited Living Waters District Missions and Outreach church grants of \$1,000, \$750, \$500, and \$250.*

Questions? Call (804) 732-2538 or email [TimBeck@vaumc.org](mailto:TimBeck@vaumc.org), [TishBorden@vaumc.org](mailto:TishBorden@vaumc.org), or [TerrilRasser@vaumc.org](mailto:TerrilRasser@vaumc.org)



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**LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES**  
**Richard Speirs**  
VA Conference Coordinator of Lay Servant Ministries



**NOMINATIONS & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**  
**Rev. Jason Stanley**  
VA Conference Director of Call and Candidacy



**SIMPLIFIED ACCOUNTABLE STRUCTURE**  
**Rev. Alan Layman**  
Pastor, Trinity United Methodist Church, Chesterfield



**STAFF/PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS**  
**Rev. Jessie Colwell**  
VA Conference Director of Clergy Excellence



**TRUSTEES**  
**Rev. Jay Carey**  
Living Waters District Superintendent

### Registration required:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0845AEAD2BA1FDCE9-52644973-living>



**You are invited** to attend the District Training Event, *"Empower - Equipping Churches"* on Saturday, January 18, at Crenshaw Church in Blackstone. There will be specific training for Nominations/Leadership Development Committee members which will be led by Rev. Jason Stanley from the Conference Office of Clergy Excellence. He will help us understand the full scope and nature of the responsibilities of the Nominations/Leadership Development Committee, help us with best practices so that the "right" people will be placed in the correct positions for their gifts and graces, and help us in learning how to develop leaders who will be ready to serve when others are ready to step down. Please be in heartfelt prayer about this opportunity. Click on the following link to register:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0845AEAD2BA1FDCE9-52644973-living>



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POC: Julie Jones, Financial Administrator, [finance@chesterumc.org](mailto:finance@chesterumc.org)