



*January 5, 2025 – 9:45 AM*

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms  
Glory to His Name  
Peace Like a River  
Bigger Than Any Mountain

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Home By Another Way  
*Clay Mottley*

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 2:1-12 NRSV

**MESSAGE**

Return by Another Way  
*Rev. Dr. Margaret T. Kutz*

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**FRESH START SERVICE**

January 5, 2025—8:30 AM



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

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Father, Spirit, Jesus  
The Only Name  
Take My Life  
King of Kings

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**January 5, 2024**

**A Service of Worship and Praise**

**11:00 AM**

**Epiphany  
Sunday**

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Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Our Neighbors

Prelude

*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing!*

Organist

\* Call to Worship

Tom McHugh, Liturgist

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come,

**People: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

Leader: Nations shall come to your light,

**People: and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

Leader: They shall bring gold and frankincense,

**People: and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

\* Hymn No. 254

*We Three Kings*

\* 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.**

Why We Give

Offertory

*Only the Wise*

Chancel Choir

\* 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. 218

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

Stanzas 1 & 4

Scripture

*Matthew 2:1-12*

NRSV

Message

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Wesley Covenant Prayer

**I am no longer my own, but thine.**

**Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.**

**Put me to doing, put me to suffering.**

**Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee.**

**Let me have all things, let me have nothing.**

**I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.**

**And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.**

**And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

Holy Communion

\* Hymn No. 219

*What Child Is This*

\* Benediction

\* Choral Amen

Chancel Choir

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

## Calendar

*January 5, 2025– January 12, 2025*

**Today: Sunday, January 5**

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

*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!*

Adult SS-Various  
 Youth Sunday School  
 11:00 AM Traditions Worship-  
 Sanctuary  
 1:30 PM Key Club- 116  
 2:00 PM Chancel Choir - Chester  
 Village Seniors  
 4:00 PM Youth Activity- Annex

**Monday: January 6**

10:00 AM Worship Committee  
 6:30 PM Boy Scouts- DFH  
 7:00 PM Jean Craig Fellowship -205

**Tuesday: January 7**

10:30 AM Joy Singers- Music Suite  
 3:00 PM Rest Stop- Annex  
 6:30 PM Junior Girl Scouts-116  
 7:00 PM ESL- 205, 214, 221, 226

**Wednesday: January 8**

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline  
 12:00 PM Trustee Meeting- Annex

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

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

5:45 PM Handbell Choir- Music Ste  
 5:45 PM Kidz Zone & Youth Bible  
 Study- Trinity UMC  
 6:00 PM Cub Scouts- 226  
 6:30 PM Crew- 206  
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir- Music Ste

**Thursday: January 9**

10:30 AM Ada Mae Bookman- 226  
 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl- Parlor  
 7:00 PM ESL- 205, 214, 221, 226  
 7:00 PM Finance Meeting- 116

**Friday: January 10**

**Saturday: January 11**

**Next Sunday: January 12**

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 Small Group Leader  
 Luncheon- DFH  
 12:15 PM Bridge Builders- 116  
 2:00 PM Flood Relief Planning  
 Meeting-213  
 4:00 PM Youth Activity- Annex

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.

**New, Weekly Bible Study:** “Bible Brews”, begins on Sunday, January 19, 4:00 PM, at Three Leg Run, 4418 W Hundred Rd, Chester. We will be using the Bible and discussing how to have difficult conversations, covering strategies, fallacies, pitfalls, and best practices. Led by Julia Harbert and Pastor Nathan Decker. POC: Julia Harbert, [julialharbert@gmail.com](mailto:julialharbert@gmail.com)

**Fifth & Sixth Grade Night Out:** Friday, January 24, 6:30 PM. More information will be coming soon. POC: Juliana Paradie [julianaparadie@chesterumc.org](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

**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 [julianaparadie@chesterumc.org](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

**Grief Support Group:** Beginning Tuesday, February 4, 2:00 PM -4:00 PM, Room 213. Meets weekly for 13 weeks. For those who have lost a loved one within the past 2 years. This Christ-centered program helps people apply biblical principles as they deal with the emotions and life stresses following the death of a loved one. More information to come.  
POCs: Mel Talley at [melindakelleytalley@gmail.com](mailto:melindakelleytalley@gmail.com) and Keith Mottley, Retired UMM Pastor at [keithmottley@comcast.net](mailto:keithmottley@comcast.net)

**Keep In Prayer:** Margaret Ashbrook; Robin Willingham; The family of Debbie Wright; 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; Heather and Matt Escobar; Jane Spain; Bob and Johnnie Davis; Harley Young; Sandra Cherny; Sharon Buchanan; Marie Purdue; Susan Young; Brooke and Mary Ann Hamilton; Pamela Brown; Seth and Beth Davis; Judy White; Angie Lawhon; Edward Boroeh;

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

### 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, 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 <span style="float: right;">* Head Usher</span>
	<b>11:00</b>	Will Herrmann*, Bob & Jane Huffman, Bob Kutz, Tom Petrey
<b>Communion:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Juliana Paradie, Liam Johnston, 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

**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 Steve Osborne [sosbor60@gmail.com](mailto:sosbor60@gmail.com) or Pastor Nathan, [nathandecker@chesterumc.org](mailto:nathandecker@chesterumc.org).



**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)

**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)

### **Our Presence on December 29, 2024**

8:30 AM Fresh Start.....	85
9:45 AM Bridge .....	37
11:00 AM Traditions.....	134
Online.....	39
<b>Total Worship Attendance .....</b>	<b>295</b>

### **Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, January 12, 2025**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Steve & Joan Osborne
	<b>9:45</b>	Cathy Epps
	<b>11:00</b>	Martha Miles, Linda Large
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer
	<b>9:45</b>	Herb McCulloch*, Kim Young * Head Usher
	<b>11:00</b>	Gary Williams*, Harold Crowder, Dean Hutchins, Larry Koon, Kay Williams
<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. Join the Fresh Start Sunday School Class in study, fellowship, and service. All are welcome. Beginning January: *Don't Look Back: Methodist Hope for What Comes Next*, by Bishop Will Willimon. Join us as we study, listen and ask questions. 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 Hougland [ehougland88@gmail.com](mailto:ehougland88@gmail.com)

**Seekers Sunday School Class:** 9:40 AM, Room 226. 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)

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**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)

**Grief Recovery Group:** Begins Tuesday, February 4, 2:00 PM, Room 213. A Christ-centered program is for those who have lost a loved one within the past two years.

POCs: Mel Talley [melindakelleytalley@gmail.com](mailto:melindakelleytalley@gmail.com) , Keith Mottley [keithmottley@comcast.net](mailto:keithmottley@comcast.net)

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**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. 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. POC: Joan Osborne [josbor61@gmail.com](mailto:josbor61@gmail.com)

**Prayer Shawl Group:** Thursdays, 1:30 PM, Parlor. All are invited to join! 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. <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. Next meeting: January 12. 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 build bridges of acceptance for our neighbors. “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. Drop off items in the CUMC Missions Closet.

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)

**Service to Flooded Damascus, VA** interest and 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 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)

**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. Use the following link to register:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0845AEAD2BA1FDCE9-52644973-living>

**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 UMW mission projects. All are invited 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>

**Precious Memories Small Group for Widows and Widowers:** Thursday, January 16. Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, 1:00 PM, at Trinity UMC Fellowship classroom. Please enter at the back of the Church and someone will greet you. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. POC: Bonnie Donaldson [bon.donaldson@gmail.com](mailto:bon.donaldson@gmail.com)



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