



*January 26, 2025 – 9:45 AM*

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

I Saw the Light  
This is the Day  
Amazing Grace/Peaceful, Easy Feeling  
Goodness is Stronger Than Evil

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

How Great Thou Art  
*Joshua Wortham*

**SCRIPTURE**

Philemon 1:7-21 CEB

**MESSAGE**

Living on the Basis of Love  
*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**  
January 26, 2025—8:30 AM

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

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

Sing, Sing, Sing

I Am Free

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

Goodness is Stronger Than Evil

This is Amazing Grace

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How Great Thou Art

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January 26, 2025

A Service of Worship and Praise  
11:00 AM

Fourth Sunday  
after Epiphany

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Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Our Neighbors

Prelude

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Pianist

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

Jeff Marlin, Liturgist

Leader: Come, all who labor and are weighed down with responsibility, uncertainty, and worry.

**People: We come, because the load we carry is heavier than we can bear alone.**

Leader: Come, all you who seek to relate work and worship, leisure and service, into a meaningful whole.

**People: We gather for spiritual renewal and practical challenge, for help in making choices and carrying out our commitments.**

Leader: Come, sinner and saint, with your hatreds and loves, your failures and successes, your sorrows and joys.

**People: We respond to the Spirit's leading and open ourselves to receive God's gracious gifts.**

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

**God of power and mercy, only with your help can we offer you fitting service and praise. May we live the faith we profess and trust your promise of eternal life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

\* Hymn No. 581

*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

\* Affirmation of Faith No. 884

\* 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

*In Christ Alone*

Chancel Choir

Commissioning and Blessing of Stephen Leaders

Why We Give

Offertory

*How Great Thou Art*

Pianist

\* 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 *Goodness is Stronger Than Evil*

Scripture *Philemon 1:7-21* CEB

Message *Living on the Basis of Love* Rev. Nathan Decker

Service of Healing and Anointing

\* Hymn No. 378 *Amazing Grace* Stanzas 1-4, & 6

\* 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.umdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/having-words-with-jesus/thirteenth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-c/thirteenth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-c-liturgical-resources>

## Calendar

*January 26, 2025– February 2, 2025*

Today: Sunday, January 26

8:15 AM Nursery until 12:00 PM

***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!***

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- Sanctuary  
12:15 PM ESL Team Meeting-Parlor  
1:30 PM Key Club Meeting-116  
2:00 PM Youth Confirmation  
Meeting- Annex  
4:00 PM Youth Activity- Annex  
4:00 PM Bible Brews- 3 Leg Run

**Monday: January 27**

6:30 PM Boy Scouts- DFH  
7:00 PM Music Reading- Music Ste

**Tuesday: January 28**

10:30 AM Joy Singers  
3:00 PM Rest Stop- Annex  
7:00 PM ESL- 205, 214, 221, 226

**Wednesday: January 29**

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline  
5:45 PM Handbell Choir- Music Ste  
5:45 PM Kidz Zone & Youth Bible  
Study- Trinity UMC  
6:00 PM Cub Scouts- 226  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir- Music Ste

**Thursday: January 30**

1:30 PM Prayer Shawl- Parlor  
7:00 PM ESL- 205, 214, 221, 226

**Friday: January 31**

**Saturday: February 1**

**Next Sunday: February 2**

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  
12:30 PM Youth Mission Trip  
Meeting- Sanctuary  
1:30 PM Key Club Meeting- 116  
4:00 PM Youth Group Activity-  
Annex  
4:00 PM Bible Brews- 3 Leg Run

**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. Our e-mail address is [finance@chesterumc.org](mailto:finance@chesterumc.org) Simply select the Zelle payment option on your bank's app, input our e-mail address above or scan the QR Code. POC: Julie Jones, Financial Administrator, [finance@chesterumc.org](mailto:finance@chesterumc.org)



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

**Confirmation Class- Parent and Youth Interest Meeting:** Today, 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)

**February is New Member Month:** Give Your Heart to Chester UMC! Are you interested in becoming a member of CUMC? Those interested in joining CUMC please contact Beth Stewart, our Membership Coordinator, at (919) 210-2220 or [bethstew@gmail.com](mailto:bethstew@gmail.com). Learn details and information on becoming a CUMC Member. There will be a New Member Luncheon on Sunday, February 23.

**Grief Support Group:** Beginning Tuesday, February 4, 2:00 PM -4:00 PM, Room 220. 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. \$10 workbook cost. Scholarships are available.

POCs: Mel Talley at [melindakelleytalley@gmail.com](mailto:melindakelleytalley@gmail.com) and

Keith Mottley, Retired UM Pastor at [keith.mottley@comcast.net](mailto:keith.mottley@comcast.net)

**Blood Drive:** Wednesday, February 5, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM, DFH. Register online today! All blood types are needed! One donor will help save three lives. Come give blood and receive a \$15 e-gift card when you register. Use this link to register [reblood.org/flurry](http://reblood.org/flurry).

**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

**Ken Medema In Concert:** Sunday, February 16, 2:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Please invite your friends and neighbors to this incredible concert of worship. All ages will be captivated by Ken's music and message as he brings your stories to life in song. Ken Medema, an 81-year-old musician and singer-songwriter, is one of the most creative and authentic artists performing today. He is a Christ follower with a passion for social justice. Uniquely, he is also blind.

**Keep In Prayer:** The family of Jefferson Davis Stephenson; Andrew Mueller; Jeffrey Resnick; Mark Sumner; Eddie & Becky Leonard; The family of Margaret Ashbrook; The family of Alice Dolbear; Robin Willingham; Becky Butler; Jo Kiser; Patrick & Gina Dobbs; Lester Harvey and Family; Michael Rodriguez; 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 Boroch; 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; Erika Hilton

**Our Presence on January 19, 2025**

8:30 AM Fresh Start.....	70
9:45 AM Bridge.....	49
11:00 AM Traditions.....	148
Online.....	41
<b>Total Worship Attendance.....</b>	<b>308</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 Today, January 26, 2025**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Maureen Coker
	<b>9:45</b>	Jesse & Brenda Stacy
	<b>11:00</b>	Will Schmidt, Janis Hargrave
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer
	<b>9:45</b>	Jim Watkins*, Kim Young * Head Usher
	<b>11:00</b>	Gordon Morris*, Marshall Henry, Tom Petrey, Steve Osborne, Beth Stewart
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>8:30, 9:45, 11:00</b>	Carla Adams, Morgan Hall

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)

**UMCOR Kits for Conference:** The United Methodist Committee on Relief operates two relief depots, one in Salt Lake City and the Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana. For the past several years CUMC and the UMW have collected materials for and assembled hygiene kits have on hand when disaster strikes. Due to flooding in the Southeast, wildfires in California, and war in Ukraine and the Near East, there is an urgent need to restock their inventory. Our goal for this year’s June 12-14 VAUMConference is 100 hygiene kits. All are invited to support this effort by donating items. Pick up your “assignment ticket” from the display in the Atrium beginning February 2, and return the assigned items to the collection box in the mission closet ASAP but no later than 12:00 PM on Sunday, April 6. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for more information.

<b><u>Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, February 2, 2025</u></b>		
<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Bill & Karen Comer
	<b>9:45</b>	Jesse & Brenda Stacy
	<b>11:00</b>	Betty Labin, Marian Perkinson
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Gordon Jones*, Ron Dombrowski
	<b>9:45</b>	Beth Stewart*, Pat Stanfield * Head Usher
	<b>11:00</b>	Will Herrmann*, Andrew Brummette, Marshall Henry, Bob Kutz, Tom Petrey
<b>Communion:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Juliana Paradie, Wesley Munchel, Billy Talley
	<b>9:45</b>	Juliana Paradie, Debbie Hubley, Kim Young
	<b>11:00</b>	Steve Osborne, Mike Kelley, Beth Stewart
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>8:30, 9:45, 11:00</b>	Carla Adams, Morgan Hall

**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. 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 [lbseward@comcast.net](mailto:lbseward@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. 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)

**Bible Brews:** 4:00 PM, Three Leg Run, 4418 W Hundred Rd, Chester. Bible based discussions on how to have difficult conversations, covering strategies, fallacies, pitfalls, and best practices. Led by Julia Harbert and Pastor Nathan Decker. POC: Julia Harbert, [juliaharbert@gmail.com](mailto:juliaharbert@gmail.com)

**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. Next meeting: January 26, 6:30 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. POC: Brion Seward [lbseward@comcast.net](mailto:lbseward@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 220. A Christ-centered program is for those who have lost a loved one within the past two years. There is a \$10 workbook fee. Scholarships are available. POCs: Mel Talley [melindakelleytalley@gmail.com](mailto:melindakelleytalley@gmail.com) , and Keith Mottley [keith.mottley@comcast.net](mailto:keith.mottley@comcast.net)

**English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:00 PM- 8:30 PM. 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. 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 great 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. POC: Jennifer Brame [jrbrooksiece@gmail.com](mailto:jrbrooksiece@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: February 3. We will be putting together Valentine gift bags for the residential kids at United Methodist Family Services. 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: February 13. POC: Martha Miles, 804-748-5476

**Precious Memories Small Group for Widows and Widowers:** 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. POC: Bonnie at [bon.donaldson@gmail.com](mailto:bon.donaldson@gmail.com)

**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 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** Our Backpack ministry to Curtis and Wells continues to grow. We are currently serving 64 children each week –the most we have ever attempted! With the support of many, we are meeting our needs but the cost each week is high. If you have not yet supported this ministry, we ask that you please consider how you can help. A monthly donation of even a small amount makes a difference. You can also pick up one or two extra items when you shop and drop them in our bin in the mission closet. We especially need canned meats (tuna, chicken, Vienna sausage), peanut butter, applesauce, canned pasta or pop tarts. If you are already contributing, please know that we appreciate each donation of money or food. This is truly a church project, and it wouldn't be possible without the help of many. 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)

**UMVIM Team Leader Training Meeting:** Saturday, February 8, Wellspring UMC, Williamsburg. Kip Robinson, Senior Trainer for Virginia Conference UMC will be leading the next United Methodist Volunteers In Mission (UMVIM) Team Leader training. Virginia UMC requires that UMVIM teams be led by a certified UMVIM Team Leader. Those attending should be veterans of one or more UMVIM trips and possess strong leadership qualities. If you have the experience, leadership qualities and love of serving Jesus Christ through mission trips please consider attending this training event. POCs: Tim Wells 703-517-0183 [cyacard@comcast.net](mailto:cyacard@comcast.net), and Eric Houglan, 804-212-7857 [ehouglan88@gmail.com](mailto:ehouglan88@gmail.com)  
Use this link to register: <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=825531&>

**Valentine Cards For Veterans:** Deadline is Sunday, February 9. Please do not sign your last name and do not seal the envelopes. They will be sorted by religious and non-religious content. Drop cards off in the Sharing Bin outside or in the Mission Closet in the Church. Thank you for sending love and appreciation to our Veterans. POC: Karen Cole 748-7408

**Service to Flooded Damascus,** next meeting date Sunday, February 16, 12:00 PM, room 226. Dates are set for going to Damascus March 23 to 29. We are offering a short visit alternative if you cannot commit to a whole week. Commitments are due by February 21. All are welcome to join our mission team. If you cannot join us, please consider donating to this great cause. For more information contact Lynn Crump (804) 513-0260, [lynncrumppla@gmail.com](mailto:lynncrumppla@gmail.com).

**Plant & Seed Swap:** Sunday, March 23, before and after 11:00 AM Worship, in the CUMC Welcome Center. Do you have an abundance of vegetable seeds or bulbs? Do your houseplants need thinning? Bring extra seeds, bulbs, plants, and supplies to Church. Lettuce join together and talk dirt. You don't need to bring anything to attend. All are welcome to the abundance. POC: Katey McCarney (804) 402-0084

**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>

**Our Hospitality Team** needs volunteers to pick up donuts and brew coffee on the second and third Sundays of each month. Contact Andy & Eileen if you are interested in helping. POC: Andy & Eileen Steck [andyei10twitchell@gmail.com](mailto:andyei10twitchell@gmail.com)

**Cookie Tins Needed:** As you pack up your Christmas decorations, please donate your cookie tins. Place cleaned cookie tins in the bin in the Mission Closet. POC: Susan Petrey, 938-5396.

**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. Place items in the Missions Closet. POC: Diane Merryman at [dianemerryman@gmail.com](mailto:dianemerryman@gmail.com), 804-586-4189