



February 2, 2025 – 9:45 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC

Unclouded Day
Soon and Very Soon
He Knows Just What I Need
Goodness is Stronger than Evil
Boundless Love

SPECIAL MUSIC

It Is Well
Jen Fournelle, flute

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:1-7 NRSV

MESSAGE

Guarded by God's Peace
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

February 2, 2025 - 8:30 AM



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

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Majestic
What a Friend
You Never Let Go
Goodness is Stronger Than Evil
My Savior Lives

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February 2, 2025

A Service of Worship and Praise
11:00 AM

Fifth Sunday
after Epiphany

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Our Neighbors

Prelude

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

Organist

* Call to Worship¹

Claudia Nagy, Liturgist

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice!

People: Today we choose to rejoice. Today we choose to worship and give thanks.

Leader: Seek the peace of God that will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

People: Today we choose God's peace; today we place our trust in God.

Leader: Turn your hearts away from the distractions and disappointments of life that will always flow in and out like the tide. Set your affections on things above and worship the Lord who loves you and cares for you.

People: We come to worship God who alone is excellent and worthy of praise!

* Opening Prayer¹

Loving God, today we confess that we have more golden calves in our lives than we are willing to name. Forgive us, Lord, for the many times we have substituted trust in family, trust in money, or trust in things for trust in you. Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have set our affections more upon our children or upon our lifestyle than upon you. Forgive us, Lord, for being distracted when we thought we perceived your absence or for running back to old habits when we feared that we were on our own. Remind us, Lord, that we are never alone and need not find our own solutions. Remind us that you are our God, and that you are always at work for our good. Amen.

* Hymn No. 89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Reception of New Members

Special Music

It Is Well With My Soul

Jen Fournelle, flute

Why We Give

Offertory

How Beautiful

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 *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

Scripture *Philippians 4:1-7* NRSV

Message *Guarded by God's Peace* Rev. Nathan Decker

Holy Communion

* Hymn *Goodness is Stronger Than Evil*

* Benediction

* Choral Amen Chancel Choir

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

¹ <https://www.umdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/having-words-with-jesus/thirteenth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-c/thirteenth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-c-liturgical-resources>

The Altar Flowers are given by Diane Duffy to the glory of God, in loving memory of her late husband, Paul Duffy, and in honor of Paul's birthday on February 8.

Our Stephen Ministers are available to pray with anyone who wishes during Communion Services.

Calendar

February 2, 2025– February 9, 2025

***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!***

Today: Sunday, February 2

- 8:15 AM Nursery until 12:00 PM
- 8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship-DFH
- 9:45 AM Bridge Worship -Sanctuary
Sun Sch PreK-107
Sun Sch Gr K-5-206
Adult SS-Variou
Youth Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditions- Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM Youth Mission Trip
Meeting- Sanctuary
- 1:30 PM Key Club Meeting-116
- 4:00 PM Youth Activity- Annex
- 4:00 PM Bible Brews- 3 Leg Run

Monday: February 3

- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts- DFH
- 7:00 PM Music Reading- Music Ste
- 7:00 PM Jean Craig Fellowship- 205

Tuesday: February 4

- 10:30 AM Joy Singers
- 2:00 PM Grief Support Group-220
- 2:00 PM Stephen Ministers-226
- 3:00 PM Rest Stop- Annex
- 6:30 PM Jr. Girls Scouts-116
- 7:00 PM SPRC Meeting- 213
- 7:00 PM ESL- 205, 214, 221, 226

Wednesday: February 5

- 10:00 AM Blood Drive- DFH
- 10:00 AM Visitation Team- 226
- 10:00 AM Stretch Exercise Class-
Trinity UMC
- 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

(Wednesday Continued)

- 5:45 PM Handbell Choir- Music
Suite
- 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
Suite

Thursday: February 6

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

Friday: February 7

Saturday: February 8

Next Sunday: February 9

- 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-Variou
Youth Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditions Worship-
Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Super Bowl- Soup
Luncheon- DFH
- 1:30 PM
- 4:00 PM Youth Super Bowl Party-
Annex
- 4:00 PM Bible Brews- 3 Leg Run

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

Please welcome our newest members, Jonathan and Debbie Phillips.

February is New Member Month: Give Your Heart to Chester UMC! Are you interested in becoming a member of CUMC? Those interested in joining, please contact Beth Stewart, our Membership Coordinator, at (919) 210-2220 or bethstew@gmail.com. Learn details and information about becoming a CUMC Member. There will be a New Member Lunch 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 and Keith Mottley, Retired UM Pastor at 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 rcblood.org/flurry .

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. Please consider attending this training event. POCs: Tim Wells 703-517-0183 cycard@comcast.net, and Eric Hougland, 804-212-7857 ehougland88@gmail.com
Use this link to register: <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=825531&>

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

Join the Easter Choir Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Singers of all skill levels are invited to join us as we prepare "No Greater Love" by Lloyd Larson. It will be presented on April 13 and 14. POC: Joshua (music@chesterumc.org).

Keep In Prayer: Jim Shelburne; Dick Thackston; Myrna Hirv; 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

Chester UMC Online Resources

- **Website:** www.chesterumc.org.
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/ChesterUnitedMethodistChurch/>.
- **Facebook Closed Group:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChesterUMC/>.
- **Instagram:** [Instagram.com/chesterumc](https://www.instagram.com/chesterumc)
- **Daily Email News:** Visit <http://eepurl.com/blV9Tv> to subscribe.
- **Daily Devotionals from Pastor Nathan:** <https://www.facebook.com/BetterTogether.Devos/>.
- **YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/c/ChesterUMC>.
- **Prayer Chain Email:** to subscribe or to submit a prayer request, email Michelle at office@chesterumc.org with “Prayer Chain” or “Prayer Request” in the subject line.
- **CUMC Library Catalog:** <https://16538.rmwebopac.com> (password: CUMC). Search for titles, peruse our inventory, and much more. POC: Ron Dombrowski rmachachi@aol.com.
- **The Chimes** – Submit items to assistant@chesterumc.org no later than the 3rd Wednesday of January, *March*, May, July, September, and November.

Leading Our Today, February 2 2025

Greeters:	8:30	Bill & Karen Comer
	9:45	Jesse & Brenda Stacy
	11:00	Betty Labin, Marian Perkinson
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones*, Ron Dombrowski
	9:45	Beth Stewart*, Pat Stanfield * Head Usher
	11:00	Will Herrmann*, Andrew Brummette, Marshall Henry, Bob Kutz, Tom Petrey
Communion:	8:30	Juliana Paradie, Wesley Munchel, Billy Talley
	9:45	Juliana Paradie, Debbie Hubley, Kim Young
	11:00	Steve Osborne, Mike Kelley, Beth Stewart
Nursery:	8:30, 9:45, 11:00	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 or Pastor Nathan, 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, please contact Lynn Crump, 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 VAUM Conference 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.

Our Presence on January 26, 2025

8:30 AM Fresh Start.....	90
9:45 AM Bridge.....	48
11:00 AM Traditions.....	178
Online.....	43
Total Worship Attendance.....	359

<u>Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, February 9, 2025</u>		
Greeters:	8:30	Steve & Joan Osborne
	9:45	Ed & Marian Garrett
	11:00	Teresa Dombrowski and Janis Hargrave
Ushers:	8:30	Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer
	9:45	Jim Watkins*, Kim Young * Head Usher
	11:00	Herb McCulloch*, Larry Koon, Geoff LeSueur, Jeff Marlin, Tom Petrey
Nursery:	8:30, 9:45, 11:00	Carla Adams, Morgan Hall

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. 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

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. 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. Meet for weekly for fun, fellowship and outreach. POCs: Emily Smith & Jess Hargraves 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, julialharbert@gmail.com

Bridge Builders: Meets 2nd Sundays, 12:15 PM, Room 116. Join us as we pursue ways to build bridges of acceptance for our neighbors who do not look, think, speak or pray like us. POC: Maureen Coker mcoker2003@comcast.net

United Methodist Men: Next meeting and meal, February 17, 7:00 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. 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

Grief Recovery Group: Tuesdays, 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 , and Keith Mottley 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

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. 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 great conversation. POC: Joan Osborne 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

Women's Christian Book Club: 1st Thursdays of odd months, 6:30 PM, CUMC Parlor. POC: Jennifer Brame jrbrooksiee@gmail.com

Kidz Zone Night: 3rd Saturdays, 6:00 PM, Join us for food and a variety of fun activities! POC: Charlotte Brummette Charl208@yahoo.com

STRETCH Exercise Class: Meets on Wednesdays, 10:00 am, at Trinity UMC. All are welcome. This is a light resistance stretching and exercise class for older adults, facilitated by a retired nurse and certified exercise instructor. POC: Annette Hairfield ahairfield@icloud.com

Precious Memories Small Group for Widows and Widowers: Meets on the 3rd 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

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: 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 2nd Thursday of each month, 10:30 AM, Room 226. Next meeting: February 13. POC: Martha Miles, 804-748-5476

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 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

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

Valentine Cards For Veterans: The 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

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.

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.

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/QAQQ3GFA1ANxCSDp9>

A Place of Miracles Clothing Closet Thank you for your generous donations. We have a new list of needs for people who are homeless, living in motels, or trailer parks. We need men's shirts-size S, M, L ; men's jeans/pants/joggers size S, M, L and 28 waist through 34 waist. All size gloves and men's belts. Towels, boy's clothes sizes 4T, 5T, 6T. Infant items; strollers, jumparoos, pack & play, toddler bed and mattresses, girls clothes size 5T. Place items in the Missions Closet. POC: Diane Merryman at dianemerryman@gmail.com, 804-586-4189

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

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

Confirmation Class - New Time and Location for Sunday, February 16: Confirmation Class will now meet at 3:00 PM in Davis Fellowship Hall, for this class session only. All other Confirmation Classes will meet at 2:00 PM in the 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> and contact Pastor Nathan nathandecker@chesterumc.org or Juliana Paradie at julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

Youth Bake Sale: Sunday, February 16, after all three worship services. Proceeds will go to youth events and missions. Treats can be donated for sale and dropped off at the Church in individual bags on Saturday, February 15th. Please consider buying a treat for \$1.00-\$2.00. Sign up to donate baked goods for this fundraiser <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FA8AB22AAFEC43-54391454-youth> POC: Emily Smith at Smith.family21@outlook.com

Youth Tubing Trip: Saturday, March 1. Leaving Church at 9:30 AM. Tubing at Wintergreen Tubing Park from 12:00 PM-1:30 PM and returning to the Church by 4:00 PM. The cost is \$24 per youth. Please do not let the cost be a factor. Bring a packed lunch to eat in the van. Friends of youth are welcome; just make sure to sign them up too. Sign up no later than Tuesday, February 18. Sign up using this link. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11MxwIm3z0aanWcBglI14JC7fXfkBJuONw41plNEL2yI/edit>

Candy Donations for the Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt: The Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 12, and we are asking for candy and plastic easter eggs donations. No chocolate candy, please. Drop off donations in the missions closet at the Church. POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org

VBS Volunteers Needed: VBS is around the corner, and we are in our planning stages. We are looking for VBS Volunteers to help on June 23-27 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. If you would like to volunteer, register through this link: <https://chester-umc.mycokesburyvbs.com/register-volunteer> or use this QR Code. For more information, contact: Juliana Paradie (julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)



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 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

KEN MEDEMA IN CONCERT

Sunday
February 16
2:00 PM



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