



*March 30, 2025 – 9:45 AM*

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

This is the Day  
Unclouded Day  
Boundless Love  
Amazing Grace/Peaceful  
Easy Feeling

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Crucified With Christ  
*Joshua Wortham*

**SCRIPTURE**

Romans 6:1-11 The Message

**MESSAGE**

If You're a Disciple...Have Morals  
*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**

March 30, 2025 - 8:30 AM



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

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

This Is Amazing Grace

I Am Free

Power of Your Love

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

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March 30, 2025

A Service of Worship and Praise  
11:00 AM

Fourth Sunday  
in Lent

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Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Prelude

*I Love to Tell the Story*

Organist

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

Penn Shultz, Liturgist

Leader: We follow Christ

**People: Who says, "Take up your cross."**

Leader: We follow Christ

**People: Who bids us come and die.**

Leader: We follow Christ

**People: Who summons us to *new* life.**

Leader: Come, let us worship our Creator.

\* Opening Prayer<sup>2</sup>

**Christ be with us, Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ in us, Christ beneath us, Christ above us, Christ on our right, Christ on our left, Christ where we lie, Christ where we sit, Christ where we arise, Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of us, Christ in every eye that sees us, Christ in every ear that hears us. Salvation is of the Lord, salvation is of the Christ. May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us. Amen.**

\* Hymn No. 261

*Lord of the Dance*

\* Affirmation of Faith No. 881

\* Gloria Patri No. 70

**Glory be to the father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Anthem

*Lord, I Need You*

Chancel Choir

Reception of New Members

Why We Give

Offertory

*Crucified With Christ*

Joshua Wortham

\* 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. 377

*It Is Well with My Soul*

Scripture

*Romans 6:1-11*

MSG

Message

*If You're a Disciple... Have Morals*

Rev. Nathan Decker

\* Hymn No. 337

*Only Trust Him*

\* Benediction<sup>3</sup>

Leader: It's all done! Finished! Settled! God took the whole, long list of our sins and forgave them!

**People: God nailed them to the cross.**

Leader: Every crime, violation and sacrilege! Every shortcoming, disgrace and failure! God eliminated every single record of our godless behavior!

**People: God nailed them to the cross.**

Leader: There is nothing else to do, but to worship and praise God!

**People: And to be careful not to pull out any of God's nails!**

\* Choral Amen

Chancel Choir

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

<sup>1</sup> Flames of the Spirit, pg. 31, #8

<sup>2</sup> Book of Worship, No. 529, Saint Patrick, Ireland, 5<sup>th</sup> century.

<sup>3</sup> Robert D. Ingram, © 2011, Worship and Song, pg. 14

**The AED in the Narthex (Back of Sanctuary)** was temporarily removed and packed for the Grundy Mission Trip. The AED will be missing until March 30. If an AED is needed, the closest AED to the Sanctuary is in the Welcome Center (Atrium) by the elevator.

# Calendar

*March 30, 2025– April 6, 2025*

## **Today: Sunday, March 30**

- 8:15 AM Nursery until 12:00 PM
- 8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship-DFH
- 9:45 AM Bridge Worship -Sanctuary  
Sun Sch PreK-107  
Sun Sch Gr K-5-206  
Adult SS-Various  
Youth Sunday School
- 10:30 AM NO Friendship Group today
- 11:00 AM Traditions- Sanctuary
- 4:00 PM Youth Activities- Annex
- 4:00 PM Bible Brews- 3 Leg Run

## **Monday: March 31**

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

## **Tuesday: April 1**

- 10:30 AM Joy Singers- Music Suite
- 11:00 AM Easter Egg Stuffing- DFH
- 2:00 PM Grief Support Group-213
- 2:00 PM Stephen Ministers- 226
- 3:00 PM Rest Stop- Annex
- 6:30 PM Jr. Girl Scout Troop-116
- 7:00 PM ESL- 205,213,214,221,226

## **Wednesday: April 2**

- 10:00 AM Visitation Team- 226
- 12:00 PM Lenten Luncheon-  
Bermuda Hundred UMC
- 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

- 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 Ste

## **Thursday: April 3**

- 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl- Parlor
- 7:00 PM ESL- 205,213,214,221,226

## **Friday: April 4**

## **Saturday: April 5**

- 9:00 AM UMW Craft Show- CUMC

## **Next Sunday: April 6**

- 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
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Sanctuary
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## **Worship Schedule**

**April 6**

If You're a Disciple...Have Hope

Romans 5:1-5 NRSV

***We are truly blessed if you are a guest who has chosen to worship with us today!  
First-time guests are invited to pick up a blue Welcome Bag from the Atrium or  
Narthex. Thank you for celebrating the Lord with us today!***

**Our Parish Nurse**, Cindy Webb, is available today, 9:00 AM, Room 105.

**Join Us in Welcoming Our Newest Members to Christian Fellowship!**

- Kathy Donovan
- Sandy Fobia

**Easter Lilies to Beautify Our Sanctuary:** *Deadline to order is Wednesday, April 2 .* Find the yellow order form in this bulletin. The cost is \$18 per pot with 5-6 blooms. Please submit your payment with your order. Easter Lilies will adorn our church and can be taken home after the 11:00 AM Easter Sunday Service.

**Arts and Crafts Show:** Saturday, April 5, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. in Davis Fellowship Hall. Admission is free. See handmade crafts from CUMC crafters and many more. Pick up a few Easter treats for the grandchildren or Mother's Day gifts while you browse. Breakfast and Lunch items will be served. If you craft and are interested in obtaining a space, or know someone else who might be interested, call Katey Petrey McCarney, 804-402-0084 or see [www.chesterumc.org](http://www.chesterumc.org) .

**United Methodist Men- Church Outreach Project:** Saturday, April 12, 8:30 AM. The UMM will have a Church outreach project to assist with trimming and pruning at a designated location. Bring tools. Rain date is Saturday, April 19, 8:30 AM. We invite all members of the church to come out and participate in this meaningful project. Your help is greatly appreciated! Please contact Brion for location address and more information Note- No UMM meeting in April. Next meeting is Thursday, May 1. POC: Brion Seward [1bseward@comcast.net](mailto:1bseward@comcast.net), (804) 943-1406.

**Easter Musical: No Greater Love** presented Sunday, April 13, at 8:30 and 11:00 AM, and Monday, April 14, at 7:00 PM. The Chancel Choir, along with our chamber orchestra, will present this concert of worship, capturing the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. We will debut original artwork created by members of our church.

**2025 Youth Confirmation Class Mission Project:** We are collecting slightly used and new adult shoes to distribute to the homeless and unsheltered. Please bring shoes to the welcome center and place them in the Mission Closet bin or contribute financially, marking your offering as "shoes." *Mission deadline is Sunday, April 13.*

**Afternoon Tea** Saturday, April 26, 2:00 PM-4:00 PM in Davis Fellowship Hall. This Music Ministry fundraiser is an opportunity for ladies to dress up in their finest frock and enjoy being served by the men of our church. Gather around the table for a (mostly) traditional afternoon tea! Tickets are \$25.00 each. Contact Terry Wisegarver to reserve your seat. ([wiseterryk@gmail.com](mailto:wiseterryk@gmail.com); 804-814-6248, texting preferred)

**Keep In Prayer:** Bert Watson, Gwen Byer; Gina Dobbs; Daryl Merryman, Jennifer Brame; Tam Moody; Mary Tyree; Summer & Bo Vaughn; Julia Terry; Pam Kasky; Jim Shelburne; Dick Thackston; Myrna Hirv; Andrew Meuller; Mark Sumner; Eddie & Becky Leonard; Jo Kiser; Anthony Napolitano; Dorothy Gonzalez; Diane Duffy; Heather & Matt Escobar; Sharon Buchanan; Susan Young; Brooke & Mary Ann Hamilton; Pamela Brown; Seth & Beth Davis; Judy White; Edward Borocho; Summer Lannan; Teresa Morgan; Wayne & Ginny Virag; Jim & Dee Watkins; Deborah Napolitano; Mary Luther; Harold Worcester; Debra Harms; Casey Jones; Mary Ann Bellamy; Dick Weis; Penny Creed; Lynda Richardson; Susie Hall; Ella Hilton; 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, March 30, 2025

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Maureen Coker
	<b>9:45</b>	Jesse & Brenda Stacy
	<b>11:00</b>	Donna Nunery, Sharon Buchanan
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Gordon Jones*, Bill Comer * <b>Head Usher</b>
	<b>9:45</b>	Jim Watkins*, Kim Young
	<b>11:00</b>	Beth Stewart*, Joan Osborne, Steve Osborne, Tom Petrey, Don Schmidt
<b>Donut Disciple:</b>		Eileen Steck
<b>Nursery:</b>		Carla Adams, Morgan Hall

**The Friendship Group** will not have class today, Sunday, March 30. On Sunday, April 13, class will be held at 9:45 AM.

**UMCOR Kits for Conference:** *Due Sunday, April 6.* 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 return the assigned items to the collection box in the Missions Closet. For more information, call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for more information.

**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. 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 donation check payable to CUMC; memo Rest Stop, to help cover our small expenses. You will leave Rest Stop 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).



**Our Presence on March 23, 2025**

8:30 AM Fresh Start.....	103
9:45 AM Bridge.....	49
11:00 AM Traditions.....	171
Online.....	40
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>363</b>

**Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, April 6, 2025**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Bill & Karen Comer
	<b>9:45</b>	Jesse & Brenda Stacy
	<b>11:00</b>	Linda Large, Jim Rhodes
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Wendell Landis*, Ron Dombrowski
	<b>9:45</b>	Gordon Morris*, Pat Stanfield <b>* Head Usher</b>
	<b>11:00</b>	Herb McCulloch*, Andrew Brummette, Bob Huffman, Jane Huffman, Bob Kutz
<b>Communion:</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Juliana Paradie, Paige Irving, Cole Irving
	<b>9:45</b>	Juliana Paradie, Cornelia DeWitt, Dawn Hall
	<b>11:00</b>	Steve Osborne, Colton Kasky, Tracey Kellam
<b>Donut Disciples:</b>		Laura Hougland
<b>Nursery:</b>		Carla Adams, Morgan Hall

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



## 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. 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. Join us as we study  
*The Life of Jesus for Lent*. This 7-week study takes a close look at the life of Jesus during the  
season of Lent. The Scripture lessons follow equal portions each day, from the preface of the  
Gospels to Christ's ascension into heaven. 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, [julialharbert@gmail.com](mailto:julialharbert@gmail.com)

**United Methodist Men:** Meets on the first Thursday of each month, 6:45 PM, Davis Fellowship  
Hall. *Will not meet in April!* Our next meeting is Thursday, May 1; we will finalize plans for our  
cornhole tournament fundraiser. 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.com](mailto:1bseward@comcast.com)

## OTHER SMALL GROUPS

**Bridge Builders:** 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 12:00 PM, Room 116. Focuses on racial justice and reconciliation?  
POC: Maureen Coker ([mcoker2003@comcast.net](mailto:mcoker2003@comcast.net))

**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:** Tuesdays, 2:00 PM, Room 213. A Christ-centered program 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 [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, and  
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 [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; April 7, we will be stuffing eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. 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; April 10. POC: Martha Miles, 804-748-5476

**Backpack Ministry:** Thanks to everyone who helped shop for the specials over the last few weeks. Your response has been amazing! We would like to add a few special items when we send food home for Easter. Our request is for 4 packs of pudding cups; vanilla, chocolate or swirled. We will be packing these items on April 13. Can you help us reach our goal? We appreciate your help. POC: Karen Comer [kgcomer@verizon.net](mailto:kgcomer@verizon.net)

**Bridge Builders Jail Ministry:** For the past two years, members of Bridge Builders visit the men in the HARP (Help Addict Recover Progressively) program at the Chesterfield County Jail. The time spent with these incarcerated men has enriched all of us as they have shared their stories, joys, sorrows, dreams and talents with us. We send cards and letters of encouragement as well as provide support to the men being released. Recently, we along with church members provided clothing and toiletries to a young man, Jesse who was being released to a Recovery House after being in and out of the jail system for over 10 years. Jesse was overwhelmed and grateful for the support from Bridge Builders and CUMC! How can you help? Become a volunteer and submit paperwork for access into the jail or write notes to the men. Provide monetary donations for study books and pray for those going into the jail ministering to these men as well as for the men in the HARP program. POC: Maureen Coker [mcoker2003@comcast.net](mailto:mcoker2003@comcast.net)

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

**Easter Egg Filling Dates:** Do you have an hour to give? Juliana will appreciate your help stuffing Easter Eggs for the Egg Hunt. Join us for egg stuffing in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, March 31, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Tuesday, April 1, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM, and Thursday, April 3, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. POC: Juliana Paradie at [julianaparadie@chesterumc.org](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

**Lenten Lunch Series:** Meets on Wednesdays through April 16, 12:00 PM, Bermuda Hundred UMC. Bermuda Hundred UMC invites Chester UMC to share in its Lenten Luncheon series of worship during Lent. There will be a brief worship with hymns and a message, then a light lunch.

**Easter Cards for Veterans:** Due Sunday, April 6. Share the Easter message with the veterans at Richmond VA Medical Center and Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center. Please do not sign your last name or seal the envelope. Address envelopes “To a Special Veteran,” “To a Hero,” “Happy Easter.” Place cards in the Sharing Bin outside or in the Missions Closet. Thank you for your cards and notes. POC: Karen Cole [karen.k.cole67@gmail.com](mailto:karen.k.cole67@gmail.com)

**CUMC Preschool Open House:** Saturday, April 12, 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM. If you or someone you know has a little one that may be entering preschool in the Fall, please visit the Preschool Open House. You will have the opportunity to tour the school, meet the staff and enjoy fun activities for the kids. We offer classes for 2 ½ years up to 5 years. The registration fee will be waived for those who register in person at the open house. For more information contact Whitney Graham at [preschool@chesterumc.org](mailto:preschool@chesterumc.org) or call (804) 748-2275.

**Feed More Food Distribution Event:** Friday, April 18, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Greenleigh Community, 14006 Stevenhurst Dr., Chester. We need ten volunteers to help during this event. Please consider taking this opportunity to love people, embrace diversity, and make a positive impact on our community. Please sign up no later than Monday, April 14. Use the link below to sign up to be a volunteer. POC: Eric Houglund [ehouglund88@gmail.com](mailto:ehouglund88@gmail.com)  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44ACAF2CAAF5C16-55854241-feed#/>

**Donations Needed for the Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt:** The Glow In The Dark Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 12, 6:30 PM. We are asking for candy and mini glow stick donations. No chocolate, please. Drop off donations in the Missions Closet.  
POC: Juliana Paradie [julianaparadie@chesterumc.org](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

**Maundy Thursday / Holy Thursday:** Thursday, April 17, 7:00 PM, CUMC Sanctuary.

**Good Friday Worship Service:** Friday, April 18, 7:00 PM, Trinity UMC (6600 Greenyard Rd, Chester). The Good Friday service this year will tell the story in scripture and music of Jesus' last hours from the betrayal through the Crucifixion from the viewpoint of The Disciple.

**Graduate Recognition:** On Sunday, May 4, we will recognize all 2025 graduates during worship. Whether you are graduating from high school, college, trade school, secondary education—any sort of graduation—we want to celebrate with you! Sign your graduate up through this link: <https://forms.gle/B1aAbyviEUF2XM85A> or email Juliana Paradie [julianaparadie@chesterumc.org](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

**Vacation Bible School:** It's that time again and VBS is around the corner.

Join us June 23-27, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. Please start registering your kids through this link: <https://chester-umc.mycokesburyvbs.com/register-child> or use the QR code here. This registration is for kids that turn age 4 by September 1, through those entering 6th grade. POC: Juliana Paradie [julianaparadie@chesterumc.org](mailto:julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)



**VBS Volunteers Needed:** We are looking for volunteers to help, June 23-27 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. To volunteer use this link:

<https://chester-umc.mycokesburyvbs.com/register-volunteer> or use this QR Code.

For more information, contact Juliana Paradie [julianaparadie@chesterumc.org](mailto: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](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)



**Snacks for ESL:** CUMC provides snacks for adult ESL students throughout the year. Thank you to all who have signed up to serve food--we now have enough volunteers to serve snacks at each class through May. Donations of food and money to purchase snacks are still needed.

POC: Lynn Crump, [lynncrumppla@gmail.com](mailto:lynncrumppla@gmail.com)

**A Place of Miracles Clothing Closet:** Thank you for your generous donations for people who are unhoused, 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, and girls clothes size 5T. Place items in the Missions Closet. POC: Diane Merryman at [dianemerryman@gmail.com](mailto:dianemerryman@gmail.com), 804-586-4189

**Monthly Emmaus Gathering** For all who have experienced a Walk to Emmaus, we invite you to join us for our monthly gatherings, held every second Saturday at Bon Air United Methodist Church, located at 1645 Buford Road, North Chesterfield. We gather at 6:00 PM to share a covered dish meal, followed by music at 6:30 PM, with a time of worship and communion. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing in this special time together!

POCs: Claudia Nagy, (804) 712-7733 and Mary Musselwhite, (804) 330-0014.

**Interested in Becoming a CUMC Member?** Learn details and information about becoming a CUMC Member by contacting Beth Stewart, our Membership Coordinator, at (919) 210-2220 or email, [bethstew@gmail.com](mailto:bethstew@gmail.com)



If you see **McDuff**, a therapy dog at the Church, feel free to say hello! McDuff, along with his owners Andy and Eileen Steck, is here to spread joy and comfort. Don't hesitate to greet and pet him – he's always ready to bring a smile to your face and share some warmth.

# Easter Lilies

**to Adorn our Sanctuary**



\$18 per pot with  
5-6 blooms

Order by Wednesday,  
April 2, in church office or  
use form in Sunday  
bulletin

The Chester United Methodist Chancel Choir Presents

# NO GREATER LOVE

Sunday, April 13 - 8:30 & 11 AM  
Monday, April 14 - 7 PM

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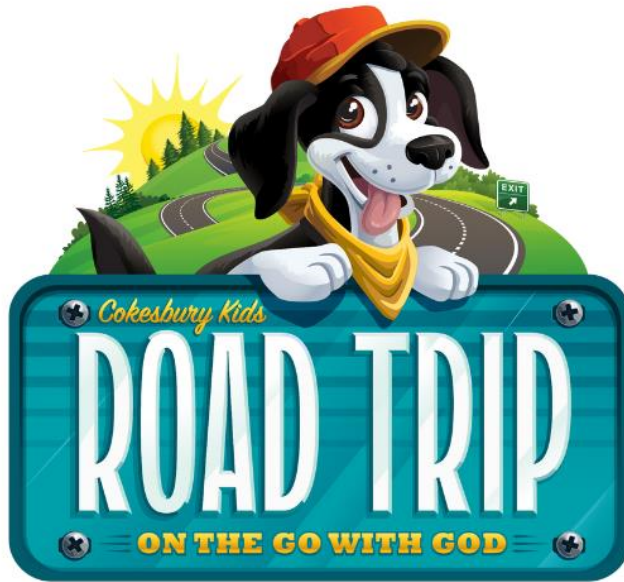
April 5, 2025

**CHESTER UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

12132 Percival Street, Chester, Va. 23831

**ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW**

9 am - 3 pm



Chester UMC Vacation Bible School



register

June 23-27  
9 AM - 12 PM



volunteer



