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THE CHIMES

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A Community in Christ
Chester United Methodist Church

Holy Week Worship

Sunday, April 13 ~ Palm Sunday

8:30 AM Easter Musical
9:45 AM No Worship Service
11:00 AM Easter Musical

Monday, April 14

7:00 PM Easter Musical

Thursday, April 17 ~ Holy Thursday

7:00 PM Holy Thursday Service, DFH

Friday, April 18 ~ Good Friday

7:00 PM Good Friday Service
at Trinity UMC

Sunday, April 20 ~ Easter Sunday

6:30 AM Sunrise Service, Annex Lawn,
with St. John's Episcopal Church.
Breakfast Following
8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship Service
9:45 AM The Bridge Service
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Fresh Start
Contemporary Worship
Davis Fellowship Hall
8:30 AM

The Bridge
Southern Gospel Worship
Sanctuary
9:45 AM

Traditions
Traditional Worship
Sanctuary
11:00 AM

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THE MISSION CONTINUES

Pastor Nathan Decker

*“Go then and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”
-Matthew 28:19 AMPC*

We’ve been on a Lenten Journey, following Jesus’s life of parables, miracles, and bold statements about being a disciple. We’ve tasted the Last Supper, witnessed his unjust trial, listened as he cried out his final words. We grieved. We felt abandoned. We huddled behind locked doors. We looked to each other and asked the question: “Now what?”

And then on Easter we celebrated this new thing God was doing - resurrection! In the days following, Jesus appeared sometimes in the garden, sometimes on the road, and sometimes even in a locked room - continuing to teach us and unfold how the scriptures pointed to this inaugural moment - God’s Kingdom truly was here and breaking through fuller and fuller every day! We watched in awe as Christ ascended into the clouds. Again, we looked to each other and asked: “Now what?”

We waited in the upper room of Jerusalem with the disciples. We heard the mighty roar of the rushing wind like God’s presence from Mount Sinai. We saw the flames spread to each of us, as if we were an offering being consumed by God’s new purpose for our lives. We heard the many tongues of the tribes of humanity come from our own lips as we praised God and witnessed all that God had done through Jesus Christ and now was doing through the Holy Spirit. “Now what?”

Christ’s mission continues. The church is not a museum of relics honoring a Christendom long dead; we are the resurrected living Body of Christ called to offer salvation to the world. As the Church, our mission, our primary purpose, more than anything else that we do: **we are to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.** Ok, how?

Every church must contextually discern God’s vision for how we make disciples. For us at Chester UMC, the Spirit has led us to **Embrace, Love, and Impact our community to make disciples of Jesus Christ.** Embrace - we must share not only are “all welcome” but go to specific peoples and tell them “you are welcome.” Your group. Your tribe. Your language. Your culture. You are welcome as a part of God’s church. Love - we must share the message of Christ’s love and how that love transforms who we are: our values, our morals, our actions. God is love, and this love is active in actions we are doing. Impact - resisting the temptation to be about us, we must be about the community. The mission and vision of the church point us to risk connection with the outside and to daringly put our primary focus outside our walls.

At every worship service, each small group meeting, every team - let us answer the disciples of long ago when they ask: “Now what?” NOW, we will make disciples of Jesus. NOW we will transform the world through our making disciples. NOW we will live into our core values of passionate worship, small group discipleship, embracing diversity, loving family, and positively impacting our community. NOW, we will continue the mission through the God-given vision. Amen.

*“Day after day they met together in the temple. They broke bread together in different homes and shared their food happily and freely, while praising God. Everyone liked them, and each day the Lord added to their group others who were being saved.”
Acts 2:46-47 CEB*



Confirmands’ Mission Project

The 2025 Confirmation Class is collecting new and gently used shoes, which will be distributed through Beacon Hill Church’s Homeless Ministry. Donations will be gratefully accepted in the Missions Closet until Sunday, April 13.

MUSIC NOTES

Afternoon Tea Saturday, April 26, 2:00-4:00 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 at (804) 814-6248 (texting preferred).

"Sing"-cerely,

Joshua Wortham, Minister of Music

(music@chesterumc.org)



The Chester United Methodist Chancel Choir Presents

NO GREATER LOVE

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

www.chesterumc.org

WALK TO EMMAUS



Are you willing to devote 3 days solely to God and Jesus? It's a great way for you to experience your faith walk with Christ in a new, surprising, or even transformational way. The next Women's Walk is Women's R145, April 24 - 27, 2025, at Chanco on the James in Spring Grove, Virginia (about 35 miles from Chester). If you are interested in attending, please contact Claudia Nagy at (804) 712-7733, or Mary Musselwhite at (804) 330-0014. Additional information and an application form can be found at www.richmondemmaus.com. Dates for the next Men's walk have not yet been released.

If you have already participated in a Walk to Emmaus, you are invited to a monthly Emmaus gathering at Bon Air UMC (1645 Buford RD, N Chesterfield). We meet at 6 PM for dinner, music, and worship with communion. For more information, please contact Mary Musselwhite or Claudia Nagy.

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them. Luke 24:15

STEPHEN MINISTRY MUSINGS

By Beth VanDenBerg

In August, 1993, Rev. William Ramey, Vann Stanfield, Kenneth Farmer, and John White traveled to Baltimore to be trained as the first class of Stephen Leaders for Chester United Methodist Church. They came back to Chester and provided 55 hours of instruction to the first group of Stephen Ministers, and the program was underway. More Stephen Leaders were trained, and, in turn trained more classes of Stephen Ministers.



Ginger Chadwick, one of the early Stephen Ministers, graciously shared these words:

It was over 20 years ago when I first considered becoming a Stephen Minister. I was so impressed with Susan Henry and Louise Ross, among others, and when I heard about this opportunity I, along with several others, signed up for the training. We were part of one of the early teams at Chester UMC, and were blessed with Dee Watkins for her dedication as our instructor. It was a challenge, but well worth the time and effort to stay the course.

My first "care receiver" was a young mother from outside our community. Her pastor found that our church had a Stephen Ministry program, so he contacted Dr. Jim Davis. That's basically how I got my start. This mother of 2 little girls wanted someone she could talk to, but she wasn't comfortable discussing her concerns with her husband, nor did she have friends with whom she felt she could safely share her private and personal feelings. I would drive to her house, and we would stroll around her neighborhood while Dad watched the girls. It took a couple of visits before she was comfortable opening up to me, but soon she was able to talk about her concerns. We met weekly until she said she felt much better, and thanked me .

I won't mention any of my other care receivers, most of which came from within the church. One of the rules of Stephen Ministry is "learn to listen." A second rule is "don't talk about it." I am no longer a Stephen Minister. However, I like to think that I was able to help others as well as to benefit myself by becoming a more thoughtful and caring person. We all have times we really just want someone to talk to. Don't expect your Stephen Minister to offer solutions, just a caring heart.

Our church and community have been blessed by the vital Stephen Ministry program introduced over to CUMC over 30 years ago by 4 individuals who saw a need and acted. If you feel that you or someone you know could benefit from a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Nathan (nathandecker@chesterume.org) or Steve Osborne (sosbor60@gmail.com).

UNITED METHODIST MEN OUTREACH PROJECT

Saturday, April 12, 8:30 AM
Rain Date Saturday, April 19, 8:30 AM
ALL ARE INVITED

ALL are welcome to join the United Methodist Men as we prune trees, rake leaves, and trim bushes for a member of our congregation.

We'll need tools such as pruners, heavy duty hand trimmers, rakes, sawzall saws, and leaf blowers, so please bring any you have.

Please contact Brion Seward to let him know you can help and to get the address. Thank you!

Brion Seward: (804) 943-1406 or lbseward@comcast.net.



BACKPACK MINISTRY



We are into the home stretch for our school year of backpack ministry! When September came and we were asked to help 64 students, we were a bit nervous. This was the largest number ever and with prices increasing we were not sure we could handle the challenge. But you were fantastic and came through with financial donations and filling our bin with food items we needed each week. Thank you for all the assistance to help keep those children fed. Each week, we are trying to highlight items which are on sale – below is a list of items and where we traditionally find the best prices.

At Kroger, Smartway peanut butter and Smartway mac and cheese are a good value. We also purchase Kroger brand applesauce cups, instant oatmeal and chewy bars.

At Walmart we purchase Great Value brand tuna, tuna helper, pop tarts and canned pasta.

Sams or Costco is where we find Vienna sausage or canned chicken at the best price.

Aldi has Brookdale Pork Luncheon meat (think SPAM).

We always check all the stores above and include Food Lion to find sales on Rice-a-Roni, Pasta Roni, Knorr sides (2-1/2 serving size), fruit snacks, ramen noodles and instant potatoes. Anytime you see sales on any of these items, we would love to have you pick up a few for us.

We are working on several ideas for partnering with others – no finished plans yet but we are excited about the possibility of new helpers. As we approach the summer, we thank you in advance for helping us finish strong.



Karen Comer (kgcomer@verizon.net)



Graduate Recognition

Sunday, May 4, 2025

If you're graduating from high school, trade school, college - any sort of graduation - we want to recognize and celebrate YOU!



Sign up with QR Code or here: <https://forms.gle/B1aAbyviEUF2XM85A>
Questions: Juliana Paradie: (julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)



SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

KIDZ ZONE (Children's Sunday School) 9:45 AM. Pre-K (Rm. 107); Grades K-5 (Rm. 206). POC: Juliana Paradie (julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

Fresh Start Sunday School Class 9:45 AM, Room 221; POC: Susan Petrey (804-938-5396)

Journey Sunday School Class 9:45 AM, Annex and Google Meet (<https://meet.google.com/ptm-pieh-vve>)
POCs: Carolyn Landis (landisfamily05@gmail.com); Eric Hougland (ehougland88@gmail.com)

Seekers Sunday School Class 9:40 AM, Room 226; POC: Gordon Jones (JONESGJ215@gmail.com)

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

Adult Small Group Sunday Bible Study 9:45 AM, Room 213 "Our Pad," Facilitated by Jeff Marlin (jeff.marlinabd@gmail.com)

The Gathering Sunday Small Group 9:45 AM, Room 205, Join us for study and fellowship with other young families. POCs: Andrew Brummette (andrew.brummette@gmail.com), Brion Seward (1bseward@comcast.net), Sonja Seward (sonjaseward@yahoo.com)

Middle and High School Youth Sunday School 9:45 AM, Annex Loft, POC: Juliana Paradie (julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

Friendship Ministry Class 10:40 AM, Room 116. For adults who are cognitively challenged.
POCs: Mari & Dan Hayes (JLMinNaples@msn.com)

Middle & High School Youth Group 4:00-5:30 PM, Annex Loft. For grades 6-12. POCs: Emily Smith and Jess Hargraves (youthleaders@chesterumc.org)

Bible Brews Sundays, 4:00 PM, Three Leg Run (4418 W Hundred RD, Chester), Bible-based discussions on how to have difficult conversations. Led by Julia Harbert and Pastor Nathan. POC: Julia Harbert (julialharbert@gmail.com)

OTHER SMALL GROUPS

Village People Study, Socialize, & Service Group 3rd Mondays, 2:00 PM, Community Room at Chester Village Senior APTS (11701 Chester Village DR.)

Joy Singers (for our retired folks) Tuesdays, 10:30 AM, Music Suite. POC: Joshua Wortham (music@chesterumc.org)

Faith Keepers Women's Prayer Group Mondays, 9:00 AM at Grants Coffee Co. (11884 Chester Village DR).
POC: Sherri Morris (smorris787@aim.com)

Chancel Choir Rehearsals Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, Music Suite. Singers of all skill levels are welcome to join us!
POC: Joshua Wortham (music@chesterumc.org)

Handbell Choir for Adults Wednesdays, 5:45 PM. POC: Joshua Wortham (music@chesterumc.org)

Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study Thursdays, 7:30 AM, Grants Coffee Co. (11884 Chester Village DR).
POC: Gordon Morris (gordo15458@aim.com)

Women's Fellowship Luncheon 11:30 AM, 3rd Thursdays at a local restaurant. Next luncheons will be *Thursday, April 17, and Thursday, May 15*, locations TBD. RSVP by Monday prior to luncheon. POC: Joan Osborne (josbor61@gmail.com)

Prayer Shawl Group Thursdays, 1:30 PM, Church Parlor. All are invited to join us! We will happily teach you how to knit or crochet. POCs: Beverly Trevillian (804 3377-2367 / beverly.trevillian@comcast.net), Betty Stone (804 914 0433 / wva_lady@verizon.net)

Women's Christian Book Club 1st Thursday of odd months, 6:30 PM, Church Parlor. *Next meeting May 1. We'll discuss "Those Who Are Saved" by Alexis Landau.* POC: Jennifer Brame (jrbrooksieeee@gmail.com)

Bridge Builders *New date and time.* 4th Monday of the month, 12:00 PM, Room 116. Bring your lunch.. POC: Maureen Coker (mcoker2003@comcast.net)

ESL (English as a Second Language) Classes Tuesday and Thursday, 7:00-8:30 PM. Rooms 205, 214, and 226. POC: Rebecca Hodell (rhodell7@gmail.com)

United Methodist Men Fellowship, service, and studying the Word of God. *Service project April 12, next meeting Thursday, May 1.* POC: Brion Seward (1bseward@comcast.net)

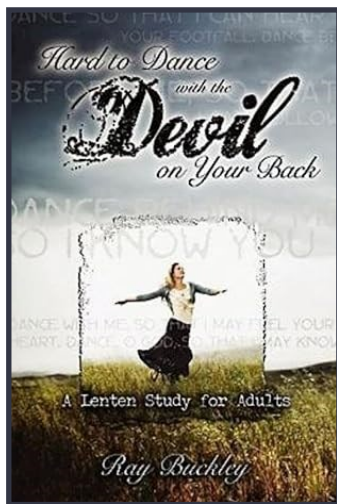
Youth Bible Study Wednesdays, 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM, Trinity UMC, 6600 Greenyard Rd, Chester. POC: Juliana Paradie (julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

Beginner Reading Music Class Mondays, 7:00 PM, Music Suite. POC: Tom McHugh (804-240-2456 / vthokietom@gmail.com)

Kidz Zone Wacky Wednesdays Wednesdays, 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM, Trinity UMC, 6600 Greenyard Rd, Chester. POC: Juliana Paradie (julianaparadie@chesterumc.org)

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

FRESH START SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS



NEW TO CUMC? LOOKING FOR A SMALL GROUP? JOIN THE FRESH START SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS IN STUDY, FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE

Continuing through Easter: *Hard to Dance With the Devil On Your Back*, by Native American and United Methodist Pastor Rev. Ray Buckley, is a seven-session Lenten study that looks at the transcendent struggle in the lives of believers, while helping us to enter the continually crumbling world surrounding Jesus and the disciples in the days preceding Easter.

The Fresh Start Class meets every Sunday morning at 9:45 in room 221 (at the top of the "old" stairway). Visitors and new members are always welcome. Call Susan Petrey, (804) 938-5396, for more information.

**Thank
YOU**

From the Grundy Mission Team: A special **thank you** to all who participated in the Tags for Bags campaign! We raised over \$300.00 to support our mission trip.

REST STOP

REST STOP is a Chester UMC after school program designed to provide rest and encouragement to at-risk youth from Thomas Dale High School. In February for Holocaust Remembrance Day we had a discussion of the film *Shindler's List* and how it relates to events in the world today. The next week we visited the Richmond Holocaust Museum, then Kris Spadaccia, Jack Price, and Marg Kutz spent an afternoon with us talking about careers in writing. In March we celebrated Mardi Gras with a seafood feast and played games with gold, green and purple beads and gold (chocolate) coins; stuffed great quantities of plastic eggs for CUMC's 10,000 egg Easter Egg Hunt; then spent an afternoon outside at the picnic tables with Scott Pugh, who taught us to use basic tools and build a bird house to take home.

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. Contact REST STOP Team Leader Susan Petrey, (804) 938-5396, for more information



Left: Learning to use tools while building bird houses with Scott Pugh. Above: Stuffing eggs for the big event.

FEED MORE

Come be a part of Chester UMC in action!

One way to impact our community is to help with a Feed More food distribution at the Greenleigh Mobile Home Park **on Friday, April 18th** from **9:30 AM to 12:30 PM**. We are looking for 10 volunteers to assist with this event. If you are new to mission work, or a veteran of this event, this is a great way to serve your community and build relationships!

Tasks for volunteers include: unload the food truck; set up tables and separate food; organize the food distribution; place food allotments in vehicles; traffic control; collect and break down empty boxes; and clean up afterwards

Although it is important to offer our time to complete these tasks, serving in this way also gives us an opportunity to love people, embrace diversity, and make a positive impact in the community. Volunteers should look for opportunities to visit with those being served to make this more than just handing out food – but also handing out compassion and building relationships.

Please contact CUMC Missions Chair, Eric Houglund at (804) 212-7857 or ehouglund88@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Sign up with QR code or this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoD44ACAF2CAAF5C16-55854241-feed#/>



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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.”



- The **Jean Craig Fellowship** will meet Monday, April 7, 7:00 PM, Room 205. We will be stuffing eggs for the 10,000 egg Glow-in-the Dark Easter Egg Hunt. Call Susan Petrey, (804) 938-5396, for details.
- The **Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship** will meet Thursday, April 10, 10:30 AM. Call Martha Miles, (804) 748-5476, for details.
- The **Jean Craig Fellowship** will meet on Monday, May 5, 7:00 PM, Room 205. We will be putting together hygiene kits for UMCOR.
- The **Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship** will meet Thursday, May 8, 10:30 AM.

Call Susan Petrey, (804) 938-5396, to learn more about UMW, our two participating fellowships, and how you can become involved.

BRIDGE BUILDERS JAIL MINISTRY

For the past two years, members of Bridge Builders have visited men in the **HARP** (Helping Addicts 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. With help from several church members, we recently provided clothing and toiletries to Jesse, a young man 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)



MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In Memory of Louan Stanfield

Mike and Lisa Anderson – Music
George and Jan Bryant – Children Ministries
Wade and Sandra Dishman - Backpack Fund
John and Pam Earley- Youth Activities
Barbara Goodwyn
Marshall Henry, III – Stephen Ministry
Will and Nancy Herrmann – Music
Betty Labin
Tom and Lynn McHugh – Music Ministry
Hunter Beazley, Jr. and Martha Miles – Music Ministry
Amy Perdue – Music Ministry
Don and Pat Pospahala – Backpack Ministry
John and Mary Beth Radford – Music Ministry
Don and Will Schmidt
Wayne and Ginny Virag – Backpack
Dave and Lisby Hall
Tim and Beth Stewart – Bereavement Ministry
Wayne and Ann Stuart – Music Ministry
Thomas Harvey and Mann Correia
Emily Bentzen – Bereavement Fund
Ward and Vickie Lambeth – Backpack Ministry
Jerry and Pat Dickey – Backpack Ministry
Phillis Lambeth Scott – Backpack Ministry
Elizabeth (Bettie) Lambeth
Letha and Bland Dickey
Dorothy S. Lambeth – Backpack Ministry
Betty Martinko

In Memory of Louan Stanfield (Continued)

Jim Wester
H. H. and A. L. Lindsey - Music Ministry
Elizabeth Vandenberg – Music Ministry
Rebecca Lang – Music
Sam Perdue – Music
Emory and Linda Large – Rest Stop and Backpack Ministry

In Memory of Louan Stanfield and In Honor of Craig and Jill Seal

Heather and Gibbons Sloan - Music Ministry

In Memory of Douglas Powell (Stephanie Decker's Father)

Hunter Beazley, Jr. and Martha Miles – Damascus Trip

In Honor of Karen Comer

Marshall Henry III – Backpack Ministry

In Honor of Joshua Wortham

John and Joanne Carrington – Music Ministry

In Memory of William R. Shelton

Joseph F. Morrisette
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Meyer, Jr.

In Memory of Charles Elmer Dunlap (Father of Anne Wilson)

Carolyn Maxwell

PRESCHOOL

Happy spring from CUMC preschool! We are in full swing for enrollment for the 2025/2026 school year! Our open house is Saturday, April 12, and we are looking forward to meeting new families. We also are winding our wonderful school year down a bit with fun Easter celebrations in April and graduation in May. We will have 20 preschool graduates. Please help us by praying over our amazing four and five-year-olds heading to kindergarten this fall.

Whitney Graham, CUMCPS Director
(804) 748-2275
preschool@chesterumc.org

Chester United Methodist Preschool

Preschool Open House

Saturday April 12th 2025
11AM - 1PM

Tour our school, let your child explore and play with games, have fun in our bounce house, and explore art and sensory set ups!

Registration for fall ongoing!
Accepting Toddlers to JK

12132 Percival Street Chester
Preschoolchesterumc.org
Facebook: Chester United Methodist Preschool

STEWARDSHIP

Required Minimum Distributions: “Who Knew?”

Last month during a fundraising meeting for an area hospital, the Director of Planned Gifts shared a story of a faithful donor who, for years, habitually withdrew his RMDs and then wrote a check to the hospital for his annual donation. When the donor told her his process, she explained to him that with a simple change, his IRA custodian could send his RMDs to the hospital directly from his IRA and he could avoid paying taxes on that portion of his RMDs. She also explained that the change could possibly put him in a lower tax bracket for his other income. It was a “who knew?” moment for the donor.

The same strategy can be used for giving to Chester UMC. If you are 70.5 or older and need to take RMDs, talk with your tax advisor or financial planner to see if this strategy is right for you.

Peace be with you,

Bryon Wall, Stewardship Chairperson

NEW MEMBERS



Charles Bates
Ellen Bates
Marjorie Beckner
Michelle Cantaral
Bonnie Cauthorn
Richard Cauthorn
LaVerne Cole
Florria Crawford
Joel Crawford
Kathleen Donovan
Jean Dutch
Timothy Dutch
Bruce Edmiston
Sharon Edmiston
Sandy Fobia
Sandra Foote

Wesley Foote
Amy Harbert
Julia Harbert
Jessica Hargraves
Anne Henderson
Debby Howard
Dorsey Howard
Barbara John
Dawn Kunnecke
Katherine O'Connell
John O'Connell
Matthew Markland
Melissa Markland
Gertrude Masden
Erin Foote McClinton
Janet Moore

Anne Muzos
Steven Muzos
Trey Parker
Deborah Phillips
Jonathan Phillips
Patricia Reynolds
David Staples
Cathleen Staples
Hilah Stiles
Rosa Van de Wiel
David Young
Susan Young
Charlotte Zimon
Henry Zimon



Free Admission!

Saturday, April 5, 9 AM - 3 PM in Davis Fellowship Hall.

Come check out beautiful handmade crafts and artwork from CUMC crafters and artists. 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 visit www.chesterumc.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Road Trip promises to be a wonderful week of faith, fun, and friendship for children ages Pre-K through 5th Grade. Please invite your friends and neighbors and sign up today!

<https://chester-umc.mycokesburyvbs.com/register-child>

VBS is only possible with the tremendous support of volunteers like YOU! Volunteering can be as simple as donating snacks or more involved, such as leading a group. Whatever you can give, we will gratefully accept. Please click here to become a volunteer: <https://chester-umc.mycokesburyvbs.com/register-volunteer>.

Questions? Contact Juliana Paradie, Director of Christian Formation, at julianaparadie@chesterumc.org



Chester UMC Vacation Bible School

June 23-27
9 AM - 12 PM



register



volunteer

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY FAIR

Save the Dates!

August 22 - August 30, 2025

Let's go share God's love and grace with our community!

Chester UMC is returning to the Chesterfield County Fair to sell and take tickets! Look for sign-up opportunities to be posted soon as many volunteers will be needed for this great fundraising opportunity for our church.

POC Stacey Ferrer (ssfva@comcast.net)



BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, May 7, 10 AM - 3 PM



Thank you to all who donated in February! The American Red Cross collected 21 donations of whole blood and 8 of Power Red, for a total of 29 units.

Link to donate: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=chesterumcva>

The next blood drive will be Wednesday, July 2, and it's not too early to sign up.



MISSION TRIP TO GRUNDY



We give thanks for our Mission Trip Team, who went to LOVE our neighbors in Grundy, VA: Susan and Tommy Petrey, Bob Kutz, Lynn Crump, Beth and Tim Stewart, Keith Mottley, John Harper, and Scott Pugh. They worked to repair a house that had sustained significant water damage from Hurricane Helene.

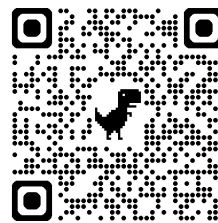


KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Thanks to all who have linked Kroger cards to Chester United Methodist Church. Last quarter, 121 households participated, generating a reward of \$395 for Chester UMC. With your linked card you still maintain all the same savings and rewards, and Chester UMC also receives a donation.

To participate, click link below or scan QR code.

<https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>



CUMC STAFF

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| MS & HS Youth Ministry: Emily Smith, Jessica Hargraves..... | youthleaders@chesterumc.org |
| Preschool Director: Whitney Graham..... | preschool@chesterumc.org |

April Birthdays

April 1

Hunter Beazley, Jr.
Elaine Biedler
Ben Lashley
Carol Ray

April 3

Don Clark
Amy Tirrell
Jake Zimmerman

April 4

Shayna Barnes
Tyler Dougherty
Courtney Farrell
Patrick Rhea
Reed Willingham

April 5

Andrew Biedler
Anna Chitwood
Stephanie Decker
Amy Gray
Anne Henderson
Carla Hoffmann
Debbie Lewis
Zachary Lewis

April 6

Adam Aslan
Kathy Baker
Lara Howe
Daniel Spadaccia
Tyler Vaughn

April 7

Audrey Farrell
Roberta McCotter
Reid Miller
Caroline Rutledge

April 8

Gavin Carraway
Janet Farmer
Olivia Johnson
Andrew Mueller
Jaime Wisegarver
Lauren Wood

April 9

Kathleen Hermann
Brandon Lewis
Alexandria Paradie
Savanna Schaffer
Evan Slaasted
Lisa Zoller

April 10

Karen Cole
Scott Hofmann
Chris Hulbert
Elizabeth Porter
Kathryn Smith
Ayden Vargas
William Waterson

April 11

Megan Carson
Merlin Mitchell
R.D. Nixon
Ryan Patton
Donald Tipton

April 12

Lisa Irving
Carter Keffer
Maddox Moore
Billy Vaughn

April 13

Jackson Angle
Stephen Kirtley
Ben Patton
Anna Thomas
Ray Trevillian

April 14

Ashley Beckner
Ian Drewry
Kris Spadaccia

April 15

Justin Blankenbecler
Clarence Curtis III
Maggie Davis
Don Farr
Jeremy Goodman
Rakell Houston
Ryan Moore
Donna Nunery
Jude Squires

April 16

Teresa Blaylock
William Coghill
Penny McCulloch
Matthew McHugh
Kelly Woodard

April 17

Aaron Anderson
Ruth Copa
Greg Pennington
Rosa Van de Wiel

April 18

Anne McQueen
Cassidy Roy
Anna Thysell

April 19

Kate Comer
June Hopkins
Walt Stone

April 20

Mark Bradley
Mitchell Kessinger
Carol Koon
Ann Roper

April 21

Adam Daugherty
Kathy Goyne
Jeff Harmon
Aidan Kessinger
John McCormack
Lynn McHugh
Donna Michaelis
Scott Moody

April 22

Gwen Byer
Sandra Cherny
Johnathan Hayes
John Woods

April 23

Bella Brummette
Catherine Castleberry
Bob Davis
Bryan Manuel
Tam Moody

April 24

Sue Coleman
Liz Denby
Ileen Helm
Bob Huffman
Dennis Lipscomb
Michael Mueller
John D. Phillips

April 25

Ava Gray
L.A. Ruffin III
Jennifer Smith

April 26

John Edward Ezell
Natalie Farrell
Queen Giles
Hailey Houston
Phyllis Knaack
Julia Sharpe
Ashley Watson

April 27

Pastor Chad Beck
Ava Brummette
Ben Comer
Erin McClinton
Julius Paradie
Elyse Snow
Meghan Stewart-Morgan
Parker Stone
Melinda Talley

April 28

Scott Akom
Gypsy Cook
Miranda Grave
David Mann

April 29

Charleene Holmes
Don Sexton
Sarah Walls
Terri Watson
Steve Yuoconis

April 30

Beth Comer
Brad Lenz
Ruth Lucy
Stacey Partin
Erin Roberts
Liz Sarver
Austin Voros



May Birthdays

May 1

Janet Bradley
David Davis
Timothy Ellis
Clara Gestwick
Regan Miller
Evan Moody
Jack Swofford

May 2

Robert Bradford
Aubrey Gibson
Katie Lewis
Carter McCants
Rita Stewart
Summer Vaughn

May 3

Matthew James
Rev. Margaret Kutz
Vivian Wilkes

May 4

Vickie Andrews
Tucker Biedler
Patrick Coker
Robert Crowell, Jr.
Deborah Hetrick
Dennis Janderwski
Matthew Jenkins
Emory Large
Abby Miller
Willie Orton
Nancy Parker
Diana Smith
Phil Strange

May 5

Dean Bodenhorn
Nick Ford
Brandon Hawkins
Mari Hayes
Grant Hutchins
Frank Jones
Chong McKnight
Lisa Munchel
Matthew Parisi
Lauren Vaughan
Lauren Wells
Amanda Yerby

May 6

Sarah Dovel
Maeve Smith
Hilah Stiles
Barbara Yandle

May 7

Fran Barnes
Allison Faucette
Ashley Faucette
Draden Gaffney

May 7 (cont'd)

Sawyer Gaffney
Nicholas Goodman
Morgan Hall
David Spadaccia
Amy Trietiak

May 8

Brandon Gestwick
Debbie Riney
Luka Seal

May 9

Addie Fuller
Phillip Glass
Mallory Hall
George Heyer
Scarlett Heyer
Abigail Martin
Bobbie Morrissette

May 10

Abigail Bradford
Todd Cassell
Jim Davis
Grace Dho
Rod Martinko
Dorothy Nugent
Lydia Snyder

May 11

Carson Davis
Lisa Hammersley

May 12

Yvonne Avery
Dorothy Gonzalez
Ronan Ireland
Laura Watson

May 13

Keith Boyd
June Gilliam
David Kirtley
Troy Potvin

May 14

David Coker
Joan Gilpin
Debra Gruschow
Jason Hall
Mindy Kelley
Brooke Kiebler
Carey Parisi
Peyton Radford
Ray Smith
Isabella Solaimani
Brandon Williamson

May 15

Angelina Bartlett
Anabel Bittenbender
Lloyd Bradshaw, Jr.
Elizabeth Ford
Annie Lamas
Lauren Townsend
Pat Wood

May 16

Zachary Jacka
Jacob LeSeur
Ashley Willis

May 17

Rachel Bowman
Doug Helm, Sr.
Corey Paradie

May 18

Zachary Harbert
Lisa Harmon
Becky York

May 19

Samantha Hetrick
Damon Honn
Jack Price
Elizabeth Waldrop
David Webb

May 20

Ella Gray
Paige Irving
Camille Keffer
John Walls III

May 21

Ehle Abicht
Jordan Chapin
Connor Jernigan
Ethan Mick
Blair Rodgers
Theodore Sizemore

May 22

James Asbury, Jr.
Diane Coghill
Blakely James
Terri Moody
Wanda Reese
Robert Vilak, Jr.

May 23

Amy Chitwood
Ron Dombrowski
Bobby Henderson
Richard Parisi
Robert Simmons, Jr.

May 24

Richard Beazley, Jr.
Martha Floyd
Paige Smith

May 25

Donna Elbon
Daniel Morrison
Robert Napolitano III
Brian Radford
Richard Shoff

May 26

Danny Baylor
Jeff Gaffney
Stan Hargraves
Joshua Hetrick
Sue Latta
Isaac Phillips
Jamie Strawn II
Charles Williams

May 27

Harper Arntson
Rachel Betz
Rachel Dishman
Edwin Hoffmann
Robert Lowder
Melissa Rasnick

May 28

Logan Fields
Jennifer Honn
Robert Napolitano
Ron Patterson
Raegan Wisniewski

May 29

Janet Tipton
Jennifer Winn

May 30

Kaylee Fogleman
Emily Galarza
Barbara Giegerich
Erika Haskins
Benjamin Hetrick
Amy Perdue
Will Schmidt
Pat Stanfield

May 31

Jack Akom
Michael Blankenbecler
Jennifer Brame
Kathleen Kessinger
Charlotte Taylor
Peyton Taylor

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