

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, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 20 ~ Easter Sunday

6:30 AM Sunrise Service on Annex Lawn, with
St. John's Episcopal Church

8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship Service

9:45 AM The Bridge Service

11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

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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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NO GREATER LOVE

by Lloyd Larson

Sing Hosanna to the King!

Art: Charlotte Brummette

Remember Me

Art: Carol Koon

Alone in the Garden He Prays

Art: Kandy Baker

Betrayed, Rejected, Condemned

Art: Cynthia Corley

Ten Thousand Angels

Art: Bonnie Hopson

Surely, He Has Borne Our Grievs

Art: Robert L. Henderson

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Art: Friendship Ministry

Queenie Giles, Bonnie Hopson, Debbie Hubley, Jonathan Koch, Jack O'Connell, Katherine O'Connell, Trey Parker

There Is No Greater Love

Joshua Wortham, soloist

Art: Ed Garrett

Christ is Risen from the Dead! *with* There Is No Greater Love

Art: Lisa Anderson

LEADING OUR WORSHIP

Rev. Nathan Decker, *Lead Pastor*
Joshua N. Wortham, *Minister of Music*

Cole Irving, *Narrator (8:30)*
Amelia Morgan, *Narrator (8:30)*
Debbie Smith, *Narrator*
Tim Farmer, *Narrator*

Charles Green, *Piano*
Gary Williams, *Percussion*
Jack Price, *Trumpet*

Sage Wright, *Violin*
Chris Johnston, *Violin*
Brenda Johnson, *Viola*
Sydney Von Wilson, *Cello*
Alex Kehayas, *Bass*
Heidi Thurmond, *Flute*
Ben Grondahl, *Clarinet*
Gretchen Georgas, *Horn*
Ross Wright, *Trombone*

Joan Osborne, *Projections (Sunday)*
Susan Petrey, *Projections (Monday)*
James Hargraves, *Sound Tech*
Elijah Decker, *Livestream*

The Original Artwork displayed on the screen has been created by members of Chester UMC specifically for this cantata! You can view the original works in the Welcome Center on Sunday. On Monday evening, please join us in the fellowship hall for a light reception and view the art close up immediately following the service.

The Chancel Choir returns to Carnegie Hall this summer as we join singers from around the country to premier a new cantata, “Amazing Grace: From Blind to Free” by Lloyd Larson, along with a collection of anthems by Mark Hayes. The performance will be held on Saturday, July 12. Been thinking about joining our choir? Come rehearse the music with us this spring and then perform in our home concert on September 21 and 22. Rehearsals are Wednesday nights at 7 PM starting after Easter and will run through early July. We’ll take the summer off, then pick back up in September to refresh the music. Contact Joshua Wortham (music@chesterumc.org), Minister of Music, if you’re interested in joining us!



Text the word **music** to 804-979-2922 or scan the QR code to subscribe to announcements about upcoming concerts at Chester UMC! Text the word **connect** to get a weekly text from CUMC about ways you can get involved as we embrace, love, and impact our community.

Make a donation through **Zelle** by scanning the QR Code. Type “Music” in the memo line so your donation supports the CUMC Music Ministry.



SING HOSANNA TO THE KING!

Sing hosanna to the King of kings! Sing hosanna to the King! Lift your voice in praise and let it ring. Sing hosanna to the King of kings, sing hosanna to the King! Lift up your heads, O mighty gates; open wide you ancient doors that the King of glory may come in, that the King may come in. Who is this King of glory who comes in the name of the Lord? He is the Lord Almighty! Sing hosanna to the King! Sing hosanna to the King of kings! Sing hosanna to the King! Lift your voice in praise and let it ring! Sing hosanna to the King of kings, sing hosanna to the King! Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang. To Jesus who had blessed them, close folded to His breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best. "Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing; for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King. O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice, and in His blissful presence eternally rejoice! Sing hosanna to the King of kings! Sing hosanna to the King!

REMEMBER ME

Remember Me in the bread and wine; remember Me in these sacred signs. Take the truths I've planted in your soul, share with others that they may be whole, and remember you are mine. Remember Me, seek and you shall find; remember Me till the end of time. Go to all the world and save the lost; go and serve as one, count not the cost, and remember you are mine, remember you are mine. Go and teach, go and preach, be a light that all may see. Go and pray, I will guide your way, and my truth will set you free. Remember Me in the bread and wine; remember Me in these sacred signs. Take the truths I've planted in your soul, share with others that they may be whole, and remember you are mine. Remember Me, seek and you shall find; remember Me till the end of time. Go to all the world and save the lost; go and serve as one, count not the cost, and remember you are mine, forever know that you are mine, remember you are mine.

ALONE IN THE GARDEN HE PRAYS

Alone in the garden the Savior kneels to pray, "My God, my God, please take this cup away! Yet, not my will, but Your will be done." Alone in the garden He prays. Alone in the garden, Gethsemane, the Savior prays beneath the trees. "My soul is in anguish, with grief overwhelmed." Alone in the garden He prays. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul! Alone in the garden, a solemn, holy place, the Savior pleads, blood and sweat stain His face, "Abba, take this cup from me, but Your will be done." Alone in the garden He prays, alone in the garden He prays.

BETRAYED, REJECTED, CONDEMNED

Christ was betrayed, rejected, condemned by His very own, yet He chose to bear sin's heavy load. He was denied, abandoned by those He came to save, and alone He walked Calvary's road. Betrayed by Judas for thirty silver coins, and a gentle kiss in the garden where He prayed. Denied by Peter, His faithful, loyal friend: the "Rock" who said He'd love Him to the end! Christ was betrayed, Christ was rejected, condemned by His very own, yet He chose to bear sin's heavy load. He was denied, abandoned by those He came to save, and alone He walked Calvary's road. Rejected by those who had hailed Him as their King! "Free Barabbas!" they did loudly proclaim. Condemned, convicted in a trial of deceit, the Savior bore our cross of shame! Christ was betrayed, rejected, condemned by His very own, yet He chose to bear sin's heavy load. He was denied, abandoned by those He came to save, and alone He walked Calvary's road.

TEN THOUSAND ANGELS

They bound the hands of Jesus in the garden where He prayed. They led Him through the streets in shame. They spat upon the Savior, so pure and free from sin. They said, "Crucify Him. He's to blame." He could have called ten thousand angels to destroy the world and set Him free. He could have called ten thousand angels. But He died alone for you and me. Upon His precious head they placed a crown of thorns; they laughed and said, "Behold, the King." They struck Him and they cursed Him, and mocked His holy name. All alone He suffered everything. He could have called He could have called ten thousand angels to destroy the world, destroy the world and set Him free. He could have called ten thousand angels, but He died alone died alone for you and me. To the howling mob He yielded; He did not for mercy cry. The cross of shame He took alone. And when he cried, "It's finished," He gave himself to die. Salvation's wondrous plan was done. He could have called He could have called ten thousand angels to destroy the world, destroy the world and set Him free. He could have called ten thousand angels, but He died alone died alone for you and me.

SURELY, HE HAS BORNE OUR GRIEFS

Surely, He has borne our griefs. Surely, He has borne our sorrows. He was wounded for us, bruised and rejected for us; the chastisement of our sin was placed on Him. Surely, He has borne our griefs. Surely, He has borne our sorrows. He was chosen for us, alone, He stands there for us. The sins of all the world were placed on Him. All we like sheep have gone astray, we've turned to our own way, yet by His stripes we have been healed. Messiah, holy Lamb of God, Redeemer full of love, rejected Man of sorrows. "Man of Sorrows," what a name for the Son of God, who came for ruined sinners to reclaim! Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die, "It is finished," was His cry; now in heaven exalted high! Hallelujah, what a Savior! Surely, He has borne our griefs.

THERE IS NO GREATER LOVE

Truly this was the Son of God, blameless, the perfect Lamb of God. Yet He paid the price, holy sacrifice! Truly this was God's Son. Worthy! This servant sent from God. Redeemer, eternal love of God! Yet He died for me. How can it be? Truly this was God's Son! There is no greater love than this; no greater sacrifice than this that One lay down His life so willingly, this One who lived so perfectly. There's no greater love than this. O living God, what have I done that You would send Your only Son to die To die for me, to set us free. My Lord is crucified for me! There is no greater love than this; no greater sacrifice than this that One lay down His life so willingly, this One who lived so perfectly. There's no greater love than this. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. There is no greater love than this; no greater sacrifice than this. There's no greater love than this.

CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD! *with* There Is No Greater Love (Reprise)

Christ is risen! Sing alleluia! Celebrate and sing His praise! All creation, sing alleluia! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Sing alleluia! Gift of God who came to save. All creation, sing alleluia! Christ is risen from the grave! Sent by God to set us free, He lives to reign eternally. Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead! Christ is risen! Sing alleluia! Celebrate and sing His praise! All creation, sing alleluia allelu! Celebrate this day of days! Son of God who was crucified; the Gift of love now glorified! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead! There is no greater love than this; no greater sacrifice than this that One lay down His life so willingly, this One who lived so perfectly. There's no greater love than this. There's no greater love than this. Christ is risen! Sing alleluia! All creation, sing alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia!

Calendar

April 13, 2025– April 20, 2025

Today: Sunday, April 13

- 8:15 AM Nursery until 12:00 PM
- 8:30 AM Easter Cantata Sanctuary
Sun Sch PreK-107
Sun Sch Gr K-5-206
Adult SS-Variou
Youth Sunday School
- 9:45 AM Friendship Group- 116
- 11:00 AM Easter Cantata- Sanctuary
- 2:00 PM Youth Confirmation-Annex
- 4:00 PM Youth Activities- Annex

Monday: April 14

- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts- DFH
- 7:00 PM Easter Cantata- Sanctuary

Tuesday: April 15

- 10:30 AM Joy Singers- Music Suite
- 2:00 PM Grief Support Group-213
- 3:00 PM Rest Stop- Annex
- 7:00 PM ESL- 205,213,214,221,226

Wednesday: April 16

- 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
- 12:00 PM Lenten Lunch- Bermuda
Hundred UMC
- 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
- 6:30 PM Girl Scouts- DFH
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir- Music Ste

Thursday: April 17

- 11:30 AM Ladies Luncheon-River's
Bend Grill
- 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl- Parlor
- 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service-
DFH
- 7:00 PM ESL- 205,213,214,221,226

Friday: April 18

- 9:30 AM Feed More- Greenleigh
Community
- 10:00 AM Worship Committee
- 7:00 PM Good Friday Service-
Trinity UMC

Saturday: April 19

Next Sunday: April 20, Easter

- 6:30 AM Sunrise Worship- Annex
Lawn by Chester Tree
- 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
- 4:00 PM No Youth Activities Today
- 4:00 PM No Bible Brews Today

NOTICE: The Church Office will be closed on the Monday after Easter, April 21.

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

Easter Musical: No Greater Love, 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: *Mission deadline is today.* 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."

Easter Sunrise Breakfast: Volunteers are needed to donate prepared food. Please join us for a potluck breakfast with our neighbors at St. John's Episcopal Church (12201 Richmond ST) after the Easter Sunrise Service. Deliver food to the St. John's Fellowship Hall before the service if possible, and they will heat food if needed. If you're able to bring a dish to share, sign up using this link. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FAAAA2DA1F9C34-56220887-sunrise>
If you have questions, please call the Church Office at (804) 748-6006.

Lenten Lunch: Wednesday, 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.

Feed More Food Distribution Event: Friday, April 18, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Greenleigh Community, 14006 Stevenhurst Dr., Chester. We need ten volunteers. Please consider taking this opportunity to love people, embrace diversity, and make a positive impact on our community. Sign up using this link by Monday, April 14. POC: Eric Hougland ehougland88@gmail.com
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44ACAF2CAAF5C16-55854241-feed#/>

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.

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. Email Terry at wiseterryk@gmail.com; or text her at 804-814-6248, (texting is preferred).

Keep In Prayer: Claudia Nagy; Madison Braswell; Cindy Webb; Kay Williams; 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 Boroch; 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, Marie Perdue

Chester UMC Online Resources

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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.

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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.

Our Presence on April 6, 2025

8:30 AM Fresh Start.....	82
9:45 AM Bridge.....	52
11:00 AM Traditions.....	151
Online.....	43
Total.....	328

Leading Our Worship Today, April 13 , 2025

Greeters:	8:30	Steve & Joan Osborne
	11:00	Teresa Dombrowski, Marian Perkinson
Ushers:	8:30	Gordon Jones*, Bill Comer * Head Usher
	11:00	Will Herrmann*, Larry Koon, Geoff LeSueur, Tom Petrey, Don Schmidt
Donut Disciple:		Andy Steck
Nursery:		Carla Adams, Morgan Hall

American Red Cross, Blood Drive: Wednesday, May 7, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM, Fellowship Hall. May is Trauma Awareness Month. Help save a life and visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-REDCROSS to make an appointment.

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, 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 to share this special time together!
POCs: Claudia Nagy, (804) 712-7733 and Mary Musselwhite, (804) 330-0014.

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 or Pastor Nathan, nathandecker@chesterumc.org



Plant & Seed Swap: Sunday, April 27, before and after the 11:00 AM service in the Welcome Center. Do you have an abundance of vegetable seeds, succulents, or bulbs? Do your houseplants need thinning? Bring any 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)

Leading Our Worship on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

Greeters:	6:30	Laura Hougland
	8:30	-----
	9:45	Jesse & Brenda Stacy
	11:00	Rae Ann Janderwski, Mary Musselwhite
Ushers:	6:30	Gordon Jones*, Ron Dombrowski
	8:30	Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer * Head Usher
	9:45	Beth Stewart*, Kim Young
	11:00	Gary Williams*, Beth Stewart, Joan Osborne, Steve Osborne, Kay Williams
Donut Disciples:		Laurie & Chip Cobb
Nursery:		Carla Adams, Morgan Hall

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

Children's Sunday School, Kidz Zone: 9:45 AM. Pre-K (Rm. 107); Grades K-5 (Rm. 206)
Come join our Kidz Zone Ministry. POC: Juliana Paradie julianaparadie@chesterumc.org.

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 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 and
Eric Houglan ehouglan88@gmail.com

Seekers Sunday School Class: 9:40 AM, Room 226. All adults are welcome. Join us as we
begin studying a new book on April 27, "The Message of Jesus: Words that Changed the World",
by Adam Hamilton. In this six-week study, we will explore Jesus's preaching on the Kingdom of
God, the Sermon on the Mount, the parables, the "I am" sayings in John, and more.
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

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 ythokietom@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 213. A Christ-centered program for those who have lost a loved one within the past two years. POCs: Mel Talley melindakelleytalley@gmail.com, 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. 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, and 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

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. POC: Susan Petrey 804-938-5396
- **The Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship:** Meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month, 10:30 AM, Room 226. POC: Martha Miles, 804-748-5476

United Methodist Men: Meets on the first Thursday of each month, 6:45 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. 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

Backpack Ministry: Your response to our requests have been wonderful and we appreciate each person who has helped. We are in the final quarter of the school year. Hard to believe how fast it has gone. If you think of us while you are shopping, canned pasta (Chef Boyardee), canned tuna and tuna helper are on our list of needs. With your help we are offering food to 64 students each weekend! Thank you so much! POC: Karen Comer 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

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

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 up through this link: <https://forms.gle/B1aAbyviEUF2XM85A> or email Juliana julianaparadie@chesterumc.org.

Blessing of the Teachers: May 5. This year we will be blessing the teachers and staff at CC Wells on May 5. We will be bringing homemade baked goods to the school. If you would like to be part of this event by making treats, or deliver treats with Juliana, please email her at 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



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

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, lynncrumpla@gmail.com

A Place of Miracles Clothing Closet: We are accepting donations for people who are unhoused, and/ or in need. We need men's shirts, men's pants, gloves and belts; towels, boy's and girl's clothes; infant items. Place items in the Missions Closet. POC: Diane Merryman at dianemerryman@gmail.com, 804-586-4189

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

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



April 13, 2025

A Service of Worship and Praise
8:30 & 11:00 AM

Palm Sunday

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Prelude

The Palms

Chancel Choir

Children, youth, and adults are encouraged to parade around the Sanctuary waving palm branches!

* Call to Worship¹

Juliana Paradie, Liturgist

Leader: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Hosanna! Rejoice for the Lord is in our midst.

Leader: He comes with joy and hope.

People: He comes to set us free from fear.

Leader: Hosanna!

People: Hosanna! Glory to God in the Highest Heaven!

* Opening Prayer¹

With great joy we welcome you, Lord Jesus! The journey has been long and we have longed to enter the Holy City. You come into our hearts and our lives, humbly, patiently, encouraging us to learn and grow, to embark on journeys of hope and healing. Open our hearts today to hear your words, as we sing praise to you. Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.

* Hymn No. 277

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

* 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.

Children's Message (8:30)

Penn Shultz

Why We Give

Offertory

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Strings

* 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

Message in Song

No Greater Love

Chancel Choir

* Benediction

* Choral Amen

Chancel Choir

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

¹ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3662/worship-connection-palm-sunday-2016>

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