the bridge

January 11, 2026 - 9:45 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC
A New Name in Glory
This Little Light of Mine
Christus Victor
Jesus Built This Church on Love

SPECIAL MUSIC
He Leadeth Me
Joshua Wortham, piano

SCRIPTURE
Isaiah 42:1-9 NIV

MESSAGE
The Contract God Has With Us
Rev. Nathan Decker

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FRESH START SERVICE

January 11, 2026 - 8:30 AM

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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Father, Spirit, Jesus
Today is the Day
Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble?
Salt and Light

SPECIAL MUSIC

He Leadeth Me
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The Contract God Has With Us
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January 11, 2026 **A Service of Worship and Praise** **11:00 AM**

Baptism of Our Lord

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Prelude ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** Organist

* Call to Worship Evan Moody, Liturgist

Leader: At the waters of the Jordan, Jesus was baptized by John.
People: He entered the water to fulfill righteousness.
Leader: The Spirit descended, and God spoke words of love.
People: We remember that we, too, are claimed and called by God.
Leader: Come, all who have passed through the waters of baptism.
People: We come to worship, renewed in grace and promise.

* Opening Prayer

Eternal God, when the heavens opened at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. By water and the Spirit you have made us your children, claimed us in your covenant of grace, and called us to be witnesses to your love. As we gather in worship, renew in us the gift of our baptism. Wash us in your mercy, fill us with your Spirit, and lead us in faithfulness and obedience. May we live as those who belong to you – bearing Christ's light in the world and giving glory to your holy name; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

* Hymn No. 140 ***Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

Anthem ***He Never Failed Me Yet*** Chancel Choir
Craig Seal, Soloist

Why We Give

Offertory ***He Leadeth Me*** Pianist

* Doxology No. 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

	Hymn No. 203	***Hail to the Lord's Anointed***	
	Scripture	***Isaiah 42:1-9***	NRSVUE
	Sermon	***A Light to the Nations***	Steve Osborne
	Baptismal Remembrance		Page 50, UMH
*	Hymn No. 252	***When Jesus Came to Jordan***	
*	Benediction		
*	Choral Amen		Chancel Choir

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

Assisted Listening Devices are available for anyone who has trouble hearing during worship in the Sanctuary.

Altar Flowers: Given by Sherri Snelson, to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Hazel Miller. (7/10/33- 1/25/22)

Calendar

January 11, 2026– January 18, 2026

Today: Sunday, January 11

8:15 AM Nursery until 12:00 PM
8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship- Davis Fellowship Hall
9:45 AM Bridge Worship-Sanctuary
Sun Sch PreK-107
Sun Sch Gr K-5-206
Adult SS-Various
Youth Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditions Worship- Sanctuary
4:00 PM Youth Group-Youth House
5:30 PM Confirmation Class- Youth House

Monday: January 12

10:00 AM Worship Team- Parlor
1:00 PM Funeral- Hunter Beazley, Jr.- Sanctuary
6:30 PM Boy Scouts- DFH

Tuesday: January 13

3:00 PM Rest Stop- Youth House
6:00 PM Bridge Band Rehearsal- Sanctuary
7:00 PM Church Council- 116
7:00 PM ESL- 205, 214, 221, 226
7:30 PM Fresh Start Band Rehearsal- DFH

Wednesday: January 14

12:00 PM Bulletin Submissions Due
12:00 PM Trustee Meeting- Annex
5:45 PM Wacky Wednesday- Trinity UMC

(Wednesday continued)

5:45 PM Handbell Choir
6:00 PM Cub Scouts- 226
6:15 PM Youth Bible Study- Trinity UMC
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday: January 15

1:30 PM Prayer Shawl- Parlor
6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study- Youth House
7:00 PM ESL Social Gathering- DFH

Friday: January 16

9:30 AM Feed More Food Distribution- Greenleigh

Saturday: January 17

7:00 AM Running for HIS Glory- CUMC Parking Lot

Next Sunday: January 18

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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, will not be here today. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Feed More Food Distribution: Friday, January 16, 9:30 AM- 12:30 PM. Greenleigh Community Center. Serve your community while helping with Feed More. More information is in this bulletin. POC: Eric Hougland, (804) 212-7857, ehougland88@gmail.com

Women's Fellowship Luncheon: Thursday, January 22, 11:30 AM, Pietro's Italian Restaurant. POC: Joan Osborne josbor61@gmail.com, 540-270-4251.

Winter Wonderland Literacy Night at CC Wells Elementary: Thursday, January 22, 5:30-7:00 PM. Volunteers are needed to run stations. Enjoy food, hot chocolate, games, and more. To volunteer use this link or QR code. eventhttps:/.signupgenius.com/go/10C0845AAAC2EABFDC25-60449653-holiday#/

Jesus and Jammies Movie Night: Friday, January 23, 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall. Chester UMC Preschool presents Jesus & Jammies. Feature Film: *King of Kings*. Join us for a free, family-friendly event. RSVP by emailing Whitney at preschool@chesterumc.org. Find more information in the bulletin.

Rebuilding From Hurricane Helene: Attention anyone who is interested in going to Western N.C. to provide Hurricane Helene relief. There will be an informational meeting for all interested on Sunday, February 1 at 2:00 PM in room 226. You do not need to know how to use tools, just a heart for those affected by the hurricane. POC: Keith.Mottley@comcast.net

Children's Valentine Party /Parent Date Night: Saturday, February 14, 4:00 PM- 7:00 PM. Chester UMC Children's Ministry will host an evening for parents to drop off their children and enjoy a special date night. Dinner, games, and a dance party! For headcount and child/ adult ratio safety this event is sign up only- No last minute drop ins. Reserve ahead of time by emailing Whitney at preschool@chesterumc.org

Finance Office Reminder: Please submit any outstanding receipts from last year for reimbursement to Julie no later than Tuesday, January 13. Turning receipts in promptly helps us complete our year-end records. Thank you!

Offering Envelopes: Please pick up your personalized offering envelopes today in the Sanctuary Narthex. If you'd like personalized offering envelopes but don't see a box with your name, contact Julie Jones at finance@chesterumc.org. Julie will be happy to provide you with envelopes.

Keep In Prayer: The family of Marlene Jinkins; The family of Hunter Beazley, Jr.; Bennie Wilkinson; Betty Tatum; Doug Pike; Linda Willingham; Susan May; Eliza Furr; Cynthia Corley; Becky York; Wayne Scruton; Dorothy Gonzalez; Dick & Lynn Weis; Bruce Highley; Ann Stuart; Billy Hopson; Bert Watson; Jim & Jeanne Shelburne; Jo Kiser; Ella Hilton; Erika Hilton; Susan Young; Harold Worcester; Brooke & Mary Ann Hamilton; Summer Lannan; Wayne & Ginny Virag; Lynda Richardson

Chester UMC Online Resources

Website: www.chesterumc.org.
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ChesterUnitedMethodistChurch/.
Facebook Closed Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChesterUMC/.
Instagram: Instagram.com/chesterumc
Daily Email News: Visit http://eepurl.com/blV9Tv to subscribe.
Daily Devotionals from Pastor Nathan: *https://www.facebook.com/BetterTogether.Devos/*.
YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/c/ChesterUMC.
Prayer Chain Email: to subscribe or to submit a prayer request, email Michelle at office@chesterumc.org with "Prayer Chain" or "Prayer Request" in the subject line.
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 Sunday, January 4, 2026

8:30 AM Fresh Start 109
9:45 AM Bridge 53
11:00 AM Traditions.....127
Online.....61
Total 350

Leading Our Worship Today, Sunday, January 11, 2026

Greeters:	**8:30**	Joan & Steve Osborne, Youth	
	9:45	Brenda & Jesse Stacy	
	11:00	Teresa Dombrowski, Marian Perkinson	
Ushers:	**8:30**	Tracey Wright*, Tommy Wright	* Head Usher
	9:45	Jim Watkins*, Kim Young	
	11:00	Will Herrmann*, Harold Crowder, Mike Kelley, Tommy Petrey, Doug Riney	
Donut Disciple:		Laura Hougland	
Nursery:		Carla Adams, Morgan Hall	

Visitation Teams at CUMC – Help Needed! Teams of two people visit church members and family members who are experiencing illness, loss of a loved one, isolation, aging. There are usually seven visitation teams, but right now, we are down to five. We are in need of new volunteers to help with visiting. There is a monthly meeting on the first Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM at the church. Current team members who make once-a-month visits are Martha Miles, Nancy Carrouth, Bonnie Hopson, Penny McCullouch, Carolyn Maxwell, Linda Large, Janie Zimon, Will Schmmidt, Joan Osborne, Sharon Robertson, Steve Osborne, and Don Schmidt. Karen Comer prepares the visitation schedule each month. Chris Grinter, Linda Marlin, Merlin Mitchell, and Anne Muzos send cards each month. If you are interested in serving on a visitation team, please call either Karen Comer at 804-796-2910 or Will Schmidt at 804-931-3660. We need you!

Girl Scouts Shoe Collection: Clean out your shoe closet for the New Year and consider donating gently worn, used shoes you no longer need or want. You will be helping to support the local community and communities around the world. Place shoes in the tall box in the Church Welcome Center no later than Thursday, January 29. For more information, contact Girl Scout Troop 5248 at (910) 250-6225

Retreat For Women- Tapestry of Strength: Registration closes on January 17!
Rev. Dr. Marg Kutz will guide us on a journey to discover our own faith story. Meet new people. Deepen friendships. Get a manicure. Do a craft. Dates: Friday, January 23 and Saturday, January 24. Cost: $25- includes your meals (scholarships available). Transportation: Shuttle from CUMC parking lot. For details and to register contact Betty Barker at bbarkerglen@gmail.com or Lynn Crump at lynncrumppla@gmail.com, 804-513-0260.

A Place of Miracles/Clothes Closet: Please drop your donations off in the bin in the Church Missions Closet. POC: Diane Merryman, 804-586-4189 dianemerryman@gmail.com

Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, January 18, 2026

Greeters:	**8:30**	Maureen Coker and youth	
	9:45	Andy Steck & McDuff	
	11:00	Mary Musselwhite, Sharon Buchanan	
Ushers:	**8:30**	Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer	* Head Usher
	9:45	Brenda Stacy*, Jesse Stacy	
	11:00	Gordon Morris*, Bobb Huffman, Jane Huffman, Scott Pugh, Jeniffer Winn	
Donut Disciple:		Laura Hougland	
Nursery:		Carla Adams, Morgan Hall	

CHESTER UMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Valentine Date Night Party

Saturday
February 14th
4pm to 7pm

DINNER, GAMES CRAFTS AND DANCE PARTY

Chester United Methodist Church

Reserve your spot
Email preschool@chesterumc.org

For headcount and safety to ensure child adult ratios are met this event is sign up only.

Rest Stop is a Chester UMC after school program designed to provide rest and encouragement to at-risk youth from Thomas Dale High School. 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, at (804) 938-5396, for more information.

2026 Youth Guatemala Mission Trip Fundraising:

Over 30 youth and their families will be traveling to Guatemala in June 2026 to complete medical missions, construction projects, and VBS camps for children. Our goal is to raise $64,000 to fund the trip with airfare included. POC: Emily Smith Smith.family21@outlook.com

- **Paint Party / Youth Fundraiser:** Chester UMC Youth invite you to a Paint Party fundraiser for their Guatemala mission trip. Sunday, January 25, 2:00 - 4:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Only $35 per person. Light refreshments will be served. No special skills needed! RSVP by Sunday, January 18.
  Sign up using this link: https://tinyurl.com/2s3dcd7z
- **Look Into Your Employer!** For example, did you know if you are an HCA Employee you could donate through *YourCause* and HCA will match up to $500. Consider looking into your employer opportunities and see if this is an option. The Hope 4 Kids Tax ID is 47-1686704, please enter Chester UMC Guatemala June 2026 Mission in the memo and reach out to Emily Smith at (804) 721-2168 so she can notify Hope 4 Kids about this special gift!
- **Donate Directly to the Church!** Use this **QR code** to donate directly or place your donation in the offering plate. Please note this in the memo area of your check or envelope.

Chester Chums: Did you know that 68 new members joined our church this year? With so many new people visiting Chester United Methodist Church and choosing to join our church, we would like to bring back **Chester Chums**. Chester Chums is a CUMC ministry to welcome new members, to help acclimate them to the church, and to help get them involved in activities at the church. Current members who choose to become a Chester Chum are paired with new members to serve as their "sponsors". Sign up in the pew pad today. For more detailed information contact Joan Osborne at josbor61@gmail.com / 540-270-4251.

Feed More Distribution Event: Friday, January 16, 9:30 AM–12:30 PM. Use the link below to sign up. Volunteers are needed to unload the food truck; set up tables and separate food; organize food distribution; place food allotments in vehicles; traffic control; collect and breakdown empty boxes; and clean up afterwards. Sign up no later than January 12.
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44ACAF2CAAF5C16-61402016-feed#/

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

Children's Sunday School, Kidz Zone: 9:45 AM. Pre-K (Room 107); K-2 (Room 204) Grades 3-5 (Room 206). Come join our Kidz Zone Ministry.

Adult Small Group Bible Study: 9:45 AM, Room 213 "Our Pad".

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. 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. We have been reading through the entire Bible with the help of the Bible Recap. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome. POCs: Sonja Seward (804) 543-3036; Andrew Brummette (678) 409-3683; and Brion Seward 1bseward@comcast.net.

Journey Sunday School Class: 9:45 AM, Annex and Google Meet, Join by video link: https://meet.google.com/ptm-pieh-vve. POCs: Carolyn Landis landisfamily05@gmail.com and Eric Hougland ehougland88@gmail.com

Seekers Sunday School Class: 9:40 AM, Room 226. All adults are welcome. Join us as we continue our study, "Disciple Fast Track - Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study - The Old Testament". In this 12-week study of the Old Testament, participants will have the opportunity to take a spiritual gifts assessment and determine meaningful ways they can serve and live out their discipleship commitment.
POC: Laura Hamm, Laura.hamm83@yahoo.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, Youth House (Annex). Grades 6-12. POC: Evan Moody youthleaders@chesterumc.org

Youth Group: Grades 6th-12th, 4:00 PM -5:30 PM, Youth House (Annex). Meets weekly for fun, fellowship and outreach. POC: Evan Moody youthleaders@chesterumc.org

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).

Bridge Builders- Jail Ministry- Acceptance is the Answer. Meets every other Monday, 3:40 PM at the Chesterfield County Jail. Help us as we build relationships with the men of HARP (Helping Addicts Recovery Progressively). Maureen Coker, mcoker2003@comcast.net

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: Wednesdays, 2:00 PM, Room 213. New session begins Wednesday, March 4. A Christ-centered program for those who have lost a loved one within the past two years. $20 book fee. Scholarships available. Go to GriefShare.org, then click "*Find A Group"* and message Keith Mottley.. POCs: Keith Mottley keith.mottley@comcast.net and Sandy Sims sandygeosims@hotmail.com

English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:00 PM- 8:30 PM. A new semester begins in January. https://sites.google.com/view/cumcenglishclasses
POC: Rebecca Hodell rhodell7@gmail.com

Youth Bible Study: Wednesdays, 5:45 PM- 7:00 PM, Trinity UMC.

Kidz Zone Wacky Wednesdays: Wednesdays, 5:45 PM-7:00 PM, Trinity UMC.

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

Handbells: Wednesdays, 5:45 PM, Sanctuary. For 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

Young Adult Bible Study, Thursdays, 6:30 PM, Annex. Ages 19-30. Dinner provided.
POC: Evan Moody, youthleaders@chesterumc.org

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

United Methodist Men: For men who are seeking to give and receive fellowship, mentorship, and service to Church and community. We study The Word of God with other men. Contact Brion for more information. POC: Brion Seward 1bseward@comcast.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.

Monthly Emmaus Gathering: For those who at any time in your lives attended a Walk to Emmaus, gatherings are held the *2nd Saturday of each month* at the Hopewell Methodist Church, 6200 Courthouse Rd., Chesterfield, VA 23832. We meet at 6:00 PM for a covered dish fellowship, followed at approximately 6:30 PM with worship and communion. The next Women's Walk will be held April 23-26, at Chanco on The James, 394 Floods Drive, Spring Grove, VA. The next Face to Face Encounter will be October 16-17 and October 23-24**.** Face to Face is a daytime walk; Chanco is 3 days, overnight.
POC: Claudia Nagy at (804) 712-7733.

Backpack Needs: It is amazing how fast we go through our supplies! Feeding 60 children each weekend takes a lot of food. This week Kroger has some good specials – Tuna Helper for 99c if you buy 5; Pasta Roni and Rice-a-Roni are $1 each. We can also use help with canned pasta, ramen noodles and tuna (5 oz. cans). Donations may be left in the Mission Closet in the backpack bin. As always, we appreciate your support for this vital ministry.
POCs: Carolyn Landis and Karen Comer kgcomer@verizon.net

Jail Ministry: Since March 2023**,** members of Bridge Builders visit men incarcerated at the Chesterfield County Jail for drug and alcohol-related offenses, where we facilitate a book study for the men participating in HARP (Helping Addicts Recover Progressively) program. CUMC is making an impact on our community! How can you help? Provide monetary donations (Jail Ministry in memo) used for study books, stamps and cards. Become a volunteer and submit paperwork for access into the jail. Pray for the men in the Harp program and those CUMC members going into the jail. POC: Maureen Coker mcoker2003@comcast.net

CHESTER UNITED METHODIST
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
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JESUS & JAMMIES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23RD

MOVIE BEGINS AT 7PM
DOORS OPEN AT 6:45

FEATURE FILM:
KING OF KINGS

FREE POPCORN & CANDY

JOIN US FOR A FAMILY FRIENDLY FREE EVENT, ALL ARE WELCOME!

SCAN THE CODE BELOW TO RSVP

CHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
12132 PERCIVAL STREET
CHESTER VA 23831

Super Bowl Sunday Soup Luncheon: Mark your calendars! Super Bowl Sunday, February 8, 12:00 PM, Davis Fellowship Hall. Join us for good food and fellowship. Proceeds will go to the United Methodist Women's mission projects. The whole congregation is invited to join us for a delicious soup luncheon immediately following 11:00 PM worship. The menu includes a variety of heartwarming homemade soups, corn muffins, desserts and beverages. The cost at the door is $10 per person or quart to take home. Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, for more information.

ESL Snacks and Snack Hosts Needed: Consider donating snacks and/or sign up to serve our ESL guests on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Sign up for one evening or for multiple dates. For more information please contact Natalie Galarza at familygalarza05@gmail.com

Altar Flowers: Please consider providing flowers for the Sanctuary Altar. Dates available ~ February 1, 22; March 1, 15, 22; April 19, 26; May 17, 31; June 7, 28; July 5, 19, 26; August 16, 30; September 6, 20, 27; October 18, 25; November 29; December 6. Sign up in the pew pad activity sheet and fill out the flower form located under the flower chart on the wall across from the Church Office. You will need to make arrangements with your preferred florist. Thank you for making the Sanctuary more beautiful.

Graduate Prayer Shawls: High school graduation season will be here before we know it! If you have a student graduating in Spring 2026, please let us know as soon as possible. Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is already preparing to create beautiful, custom-made shawls in each graduate's school colors. These handmade gifts are a meaningful way to celebrate your student's accomplishments and wrap them in the love and prayers of our church family. To ensure your graduate receives a shawl, please email the Church Office at office@chesterumc.org with your child's name and high school. .

Cookie Tins Needed: As you pack up your Christmas decorations, please wash and donate your cookie tins to the UMW. The Cookie sale earned $1,040 from the sale of homemade Christmas cookies. Thanks to everyone who purchased cookies and especially to those who baked and donated cookies. Proceeds will go to support our gifts to mission local, national and international, including, but not limited to our CUMC food pantry, United Methodist Family Services/Shineforth, and the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Please place clean cookie tins in the designated bin in the Mission Closet. POC: Susan Petrey (804) 938-5396.

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 this QR Code.
POC: Julie Jones, Financial Administrator, finance@chesterumc.org