the bridge

February 22, 2026 - 9:45 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC
A New Name in Glory
Sweeter as the Days Go By
Great Are You Lord
Glory to His Name

SPECIAL MUSIC
Festive Intrada,
Every Time I Feel the Spirit
Handbells

SCRIPTURE
Mark 12:1-8 NRSVUE

MESSAGE
Love Suffers and Grieves
Pastor Nathan Decker

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FRESH START SERVICE

February 22, 2026 - 8:30 AM

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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Father, Spirit, Jesus
Everlasting God
Great Are You Lord
Everyday

SPECIAL MUSIC

Unstoppable God
Fresh Start Band

SCRIPTURE

Mark 12:1-8 NRSVUE

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February 22, 2026 **A Service of Worship and Praise** **11:00 AM**

First Sunday in Lent

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting

Prelude ***Festive Intrada*** Handbells

* Call to Worship[1] Evan Moody, Liturgist

Leader: Lent calls us to journey along the edge, to anticipate that final trip to Jerusalem.

People: Lent calls us to the cutting edge, when the wheat falls to the ground and new life comes forth; the cutting of a new covenant.

Leader: Lent calls us not only to give up something, but also to take upon ourselves as community the intention of true participation in the mystery of God-with-us.

People: Lent calls us to corporate penitence, accountability, and preparation.

Leader: Lent calls us to concentrate upon our baptismal vocation to be a sign of the New Earth.

People: Lent calls us to face the darkness without holding a flashlight.

* Prayer of Confession[1]

We do not always walk well along the edge, God. At times we fall into chasms which separate us from you, from one another, from ourselves. With eyes closed, we risk falling into the abyss. We attempt to stabilize our journey by demanding signs and seeking wisdom along the way. We fail to ask, "Where is Christ being sacrificed now?" At the end of our journey the hour will be at hand. The questions flood our conscious minds: What would we have done that night in Gethsemane? Could we have been part of the political machinery that murdered Christ? We shudder at the answers. We need the strength and assurance of your grace. *…Pray in silence…*

* Words of Assurance[1]

We have this assurance that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Amen.

* Hymn No. 269 ***Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days***

* 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.

Why We Give

Offertory ***Every Time I Feel the Spirit*** Handbells

* 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

Anthem ***Grace*** Chancel Choir

Scripture ***Mark 12:1-8*** NRSVUE

Sermon ***Love Suffers and Grieves*** Rev. Nathan Decker

Visitation Ministry Recognition

* Hymn No. 453 ***More Love to Thee, O Christ***

* Benediction

* Choral Amen Chancel Choir

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

[1]Flames of the Spirit, Ruth Duck.

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

Calendar

February 22, 2026– March 1, 2026

Today: Sunday, February 22

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
11:00 AM	Traditions Worship- Sanctuary
2:00 PM	Paint Party- DFH
4:00 PM	Youth Group- Annex

Monday: February 23

6:30 PM	Boy Scouts- DFH

Tuesday: February 24

10:30 AM	Joy Singers- Music Suite
12:30 PM	The Psalms for Lent- 205
3:00 PM	Rest Stop- Annex
7:00 PM	ESL- 205, 214, 221, 226

Wednesday: February 25

12:00 PM	Lenten Luncheon- Bermuda Hundred UMC
5:45 PM	Wacky Wed.- Trinity
5:45 PM	Handbell Choir
6:15 PM	Youth Bible Study-Trinity
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir- Music Suite

Thursday: February 26

1:30 PM	Prayer Shawl- Parlor
6:30 PM	Young Adult Bible Study- Annex
7:00 PM	ESL- 205, 214, 221, 226

Friday: February 27

Saturday: February 28

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

Next Sunday: March 1

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
12:30 PM	Key Club- 116
2:00 PM	Hurricane Mission Trip Meeting- 226
4:00 PM	Youth Group- Youth House/Annex
5:30 PM	Confirmation Class- Youth House/ Annex

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 until March. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

Ukraine Prayer Gathering: Tuesday, February 24, 10:00 AM. Tuesday marks the fourth anniversary of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine. To honor this day, United Methodist followers, friends, and partners around the world are invited by the United Methodist Church Global Ministers to join in a time of shared prayer for peace, the safety of our clergy, and the continued resilience of the Ukrainian people. You may pray on your own or use this link to join in prayer at 10:00 AM, Eastern Time. https://shorturl.at/guEK1

Lenten Book Study: Tuesday, February 24, 12:30 PM, Room 205. Rev. Dr. Mike Browder has just published a new book for Lenten study: *The Psalms for Lent*, (available on Amazon at cost). Rev. Dr. Browder will be teaching this book at CUMC and there will be a Facebook group. You can also use this link to attend the Bible Study via Zoom.
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86375242348?pwd=w5hzFH4ODMFoRKiNO8Dd43cUmdQvGN.1
To get more information, please contact Rev. Dr. Mike Browder at browdermh@outlook.com.

Lenten Lunch Series: Wednesdays, February 25 through April 1, 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

Volunteer Opportunity: Friday, March 6, at C.C.Wells Elementary. Celebrate literacy during the Read Across America event at C.C.Wells Elementary School. They are looking for volunteers to read stories to their Kindergarten through 5th grade classrooms. Use this link to sign up as a guest reader. See sign up slots for specific times.
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0845AAAC2EABFDC25-62345001-ccwells#/

Pint with a Pastor: Beginning on March 8. Ever had a question about faith you were afraid to ask? Pastor Nathan will be making himself available to the congregation and community at Three Leg Run on Sundays at 3:00 PM, for "Pint with a Pastor", where we can journey together with our concerns, questions, and seeking. POC: Pastor Nathan nathandecker@chesterumc.org

The Hurried Gospel of Mark: Thursdays, April 9 through May 7, 10:00 AM, Room 221. This Bible Study will be led by Pastor Nathan. POC: Pastor Nathan nathandecker@chesterumc.org

Girl Scouts Troop 5248 thanks all of you for the donated shoes! Your donations are so greatly appreciated and will be worn by those in need. We were so excited to see the abundance of shoes that you gave. Thanks so very much!

Keep In Prayer: Bill Comer; Bobby Edwards; Chester & Pat Baake; The family of Jim Shelburne; Laney Phillips; Reed Willingham; Walt Stone; Monty Nunery; Bruce Nugent; Sharon Buchanan; Linda Willingham; Susan May; Eliza Furr; Cynthia Corley; Wayne Scruton; Dick & Lynn Weis; Bruce Highley; Ann Stuart; Bert Watson; Jo Kiser; Ella Hilton; Erika Hilton; Susan Young; Harold Worcester; Lynda Richardson; Summer Lannan; Brooke & Mary Ann Hamilton; Wayne & Ginny Virag

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
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, February 15, 2026

8:30 AM, Fresh Start.....120
9:45 AM, Bridge 48
11:00 AM, Traditions.....123
Online.....60
Total 351

Leading Our Worship Today, Sunday, February 22, 2026

Greeters:	**8:30**	Andy & McDuff Steck, youth	
	9:45	Brenda & Jesse Stacy	
	11:00	Gail King, Jim Rhodes	
Ushers:	**8:30**	Gordon Morris*, Ron Dombrowski	*Head Usher
	9:45	Jim Watkins*, Kim Young	
	11:00	Will Herrmann*, Jonny Phillips, Scott Pugh, Don Schmidt, Beth Stewart	
Donut Disciples:		Andy & Eileen Steck	
Nursery:		Carla Adams, Morgan Hall	

Grief Recovery Group: Wednesdays, 2:00 PM, Room 213. ***New session begins Wednesday, March 4***. This is a Christ-centered program for those who have lost a loved one within the past two years. There is a $20 book fee. Scholarships are 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.

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

Graduate Prayer Shawls: High school graduation season will be here soon! If you have a student graduating in **Spring 2026,** please let us know as soon as possible. The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** is busy creating beautiful, custom-made shawls in each graduate's school colors. These handmade gifts are a meaningful way to celebrate your graduate's accomplishment and to 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.

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

Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, March 1, 2026

Greeters:	**8:30**	Bill & Karen Comer	
	9:45	Andy & McDuff Steck	
	11:00	Linda large, Marian Perkinson	
Ushers:	**8:30**	Wendell Landis*, Ron Dombrowski	*Head Usher
	9:45	Brenda Stacy*, Jesse Stacy	
	11:00	Beth Stewart*, Bob & Jane Huffman, Geoff LeSueur, Jennifer Winn	
Communion:	**8:30**	Rev. Keith Mottley, Evan Moody, Nathan Hamm, Caroline Morgan	
	9:45	Rev. Keith Moore, Cornelia DeWitt	
	11:00	Rev. Keith Moore, Rev. Dr. Sergei Nikolaev, Rev. Dr. Mike Browder, Steve Osborne	
Donut Disciple:		Laura Hougland	
Nursery:		Carla Adams, Morgan Hall	

CUMC's Good Samaritan Fund is used to help individuals and families facing temporary financial hardship. Assistance may include help with utilities or rent for those who are actively working to improve their situation. This fund is intended for short-term needs, not ongoing support. Applicants must complete a detailed application explaining their circumstances and the steps they are taking to reach stability. Once assistance is received, individuals are not eligible to reapply for two years. Please consider donating to the Samaritan Fund to help people in need during a difficult time. Make checks payable to CUMC and write *Samaritan Fund* in the memo.

Backpack Ministry: Backpack News: We have been so blessed by this congregation and the response we always receive! We continue to be able to provide food for the children at Curtis and Wells Elementary schools each weekend through your donations and financial support. You are truly making an impact and sharing love with those in our community. Sales this week at Kroger include Rice-a-Roni, Pasta Roni, and Pop Tarts. Check the ad for terms of sale. As always, thank you for supporting this ministry. POC: 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 pray for the men in the HARP program and those CUMC members going into the jail.
POC: Maureen Coker, mcoker2003@comcast.net

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.

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 need new volunteers to help with visiting. There is a monthly meeting on the first Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM at the church. If you are interested in serving on a visitation team, please call
Karen Comer at (804) 796-2910 or Will Schmidt at (804) 931-3660. We need you!

UMCOR Kits for Conference: The United Methodist Committee on Relief operates two relief depots; Salt Lake City and Baldwin, Louisiana. For the past several years CUMC and the UMW have collected materials and assembled hygiene kits to be sent to Sager Brown. They collect kits to have on hand for disaster. Our goal for the June 17-20 Virginia United Methodist Annual Conference is 100 hygiene kits. You are invited to support this effort by donating items for kits. Pick up your "assignment ticket" TODAY from the display in the Welcome Center and return the assigned items to the bin in the Church Mission Closet by **Sunday, April 5.**
POC: Susan Petrey, (804) 938-5396

United Methodist Women (UMW) is to "be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church." Call Susan Petrey, (804) 938-5396, to learn more about UMW, our two participating fellowships, and how you can become involved.

- **The Jean Craig Fellowship**: Meets on the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 PM, Room 205. Next meeting will be Monday, March 2, 7:00 PM.
  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.
- **Salad Luncheon:** Women of the Church are invited to a luncheon meeting of the UMW, Sunday, March 22, immediately following 11:00 AM Worship. Our speaker will be Maureen Coker and friends, who will tell us about their Bridge Builders Jail Ministry, their plans for the future, and how we can help. Bring a salad or dessert to share.

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

A Place of Miracles: We are so thankful for your donations. On our list this week are towels, hoodies, purses, deodorant (new) and personal hygiene items or kits. If you are downsizing, give Diane Merryman a call (804-586-4189) to discuss items you may have to donate. There is a bin in the Mission Closet at the church to place donated items. Thank you.
POC: Diane Merryman, (804) 586-4189 dianemerryman@gmail.com

Help Feed the Young Adult Bible Study Group: The Young Adult Bible Study group that gather on Thursday evenings always appreciate dinner and dessert, as many come straight from work or school. Contact Evan Moody if you can provide a meal. youthleaders@chesterumc.org

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 enough money to fund the trip with airfare included. POC: Emily Smith Smith.family21@outlook.com

- **Guatemala Youth Yard Sale**: We are excited to host another Youth Yard Sale on **Saturday, March 14, 8 AM to 12 PM**. Due to the incredible success of last June's sale, we are wrapping up our fundraising efforts with this event once again. This year, we have limited certain items based on what did and did not sell well previously**.**

***Due to the limited storage space at the church, we ask that you please do not drop off your donations prior to March 8*. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Emily at (804) 721-2168**.

- ✓ Clothing donations will not be accepted**.** We will still gladly accept coats and shoes**.** Any unsold items may be donated to a local mission or Veterans home.

- ✓ Beginning March 9, tables will be set up and clearly labeled by category. If possible, we ask that donated items be separated by category to help streamline sorting. We completely understand if this is not feasible due to mobility or other challenges.

- ✓ Donations will be accepted **throughout the week of March 8-12, during regular church hours: 8:30 AM- 2:00 PM**, as well as **all day Friday, March 13**. For larger items, we kindly ask that they be brought on Friday, or that you reach out in advance so a member of the Guatemala team can assist with unloading. We respectfully ask that church office staff be asked to assist only when necessary, as they are working to complete their daily responsibilities and may not always be available to help with drop-offs.

- **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. 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.

- **Donate Directly to the Guatemala Trip!** 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

Communion Schedule

- Communion *will be* offered during the April 5th, Easter Sunrise Worship service at 6:30 AM.
- Communion *will not be* offered on April 5th, Easter Sunday, during the Fresh Start, Bridge, or Traditions Worship.
- Communion *will be* offered the following Sunday, April 12; served by the new Confirmands.

Singles Seniors Group: Informational meeting (tentative) on Sunday, March 22, 12:00 PM in Room 226. For those men and women who enjoy attending events together, such as dinners, concerts, or other local outings. More details are coming soon.
POC: Mel Talley and Jay Martin.

Walk 4 Water Chester: Sunday, April 12, 12:30 PM, Three Leg Run Brewery, 4418 W Hundred RD. Eleven million people in Uganda do not have access to clean and safe water. Help bring clean, safe water to the village of Kasaya East in Uganda. POC: Sonja Seward sonjaseward@yahoo.com Use the QR code or the link to Register/ Donate. https://support.h4ki.org/event/2026-walk-4-water-chester-va/e749657

Altar Flowers: Consider providing flowers for the Altar. You will need to make arrangements with your preferred florist. (River's Bend Florist will waive the delivery fee). Write your name on the flower chart near the Church Office and fill out one of the flower forms below the flower chart. Return the form to the Church Office. Dates Available are April 19, May 31, June 7, June 28, July 5, July 19, July 26, August 16, August 30, September 6, September 20, September 27, October 18, October 25, November 29.

Vacation Bible School: June 22-26, 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM. Children that are preschool age through 5th grade. Volunteers are needed and appreciated! Please use this QR code to register as a volunteer and/or to register your child to attend VBS. POC:Whitney Graham, preschool@chesterumc.org

Summer Camp Opportunities: It may be cold outside, but it's not too soon to be thinking about summer camp. Did you know there are some awesome opportunities for children and youth to attend summer camps affiliated with the United Methodist Church? Click the links below to explore three camps in different geographical areas of Virginia.
Bay: https://www.ootbay.org/summer-camp-options/
River: https://www.westviewonthejames.org/
Mountains: https://www.altamons.org/

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.
POC: Whitney Graham, preschool@chesterumc.org

Adult Small Group Bible Study: 9:45 AM, Room 213 "Our Pad". All adults are welcome. POC: 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. We are currently studying, *When Bad Things Happen to Good People,* by Rabbi Harold S.Cushner. 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. 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.
POC: Laura Hamm, Laura.hamm83@yahoo.com

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. A Christ-centered program for those who have lost a loved one within the past two years. 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

ESL Classes: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:00 PM- 8:30 PM. Click on this link: 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

Chester United Methodist Church

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

SATURDAY
MARCH 14
8 AM – 12 PM

Saturday, MARCH 14
8 AM – 12 PM
Fellowship Hall

Come shop great deals and support our **2026 Mission Trip to Guatemala** – this is our **FINAL** fundraiser to reach our trip goal!

SUPPORT THE MISSION TRIP

Want to give directly?
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https://h4ki.managedmissions.com/mytrip/chesterunitedmethodistchurch

QUESTIONS?

Contact: **Emily Smith**
(804) 721-2168
Smith.family21@outlook.com