the bridge

April 12, 2026 - 9:45 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC
A New Name in Glory
Sweeter as the Days Go By
Jesus Built This Church on Love
Mighty to Save

SPECIAL MUSIC
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Joshua Wortham

SCRIPTURE
Psalm 16
The Message and NRSVUE

MESSAGE
God's Choice
Pastor Nathan Decker

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FRESH START SERVICE

April 12, 2026 - 8:30 AM

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

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Awesome is the Lord Most High
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April 12, 2026 **A Service of Worship and Praise** **11:00 AM**
First Sunday after Easter

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting

Prelude ***Victory in Jesus*** Organist

* Call to Worship[1] Jeff Marlin, Liturgist

Leader: In a world that tells us we are what we own, and our worth is found in the next purchase, we pause.

People: Lord, you are our assigned portion and our cup; you hold our lot secure.

Leader: We confess that we often choose the flicker of screens over the warmth of faces, and the coldness of comparison over the joy of community.

People: You have chosen us, may we choose boundary lines that fall for us in pleasant places; choosing our delightful inheritance.

Leader: God does not love us because of our curated images or our productivity. He chooses to love us simply because He is love.

People: Our hearts are glad, and our tongues rejoice; our bodies also will rest secure.

Leader: Today, we make a counter-cultural choice. We turn from the digital noise to the Divine Voice. We choose to love the One who first loved us.

People: You make known to us the path of life; you will fill us with joy in your presence. Praise the Lord! Our refuge and strength!

* Hymn No. 327 ***Crown Him With Many Crowns***

* 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.

Holy Baptism and Reception of New Members

Why We Give

Offertory ***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*** 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

	Anthem	***Crown Him***	Chancel Choir
	Scripture	***Psalm 16***	MSG & NRSVUE
	Sermon	***God's Choice***	Rev. Nathan Decker
	Holy Communion		
*	Hymn No. 370	***Victory in Jesus***	
*	Benediction		
*	Choral Amen		Chancel Choir

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

[1] https://worshipswake.wordpress.com/2026/03/30/call-to-worship-based-on-psalm-16/

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

Altar Flowers are given by Donnie and Sherri Snelson to the glory of God and in loving memory of Donnie's sister, Darlene Snelson Ogden, born April 12, 1956.

Calendar

April 12, 2026– April 19, 2026

Today: Sunday, April 12

8:15 AM Nursery until 12:00 PM
8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship- 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
12:00 PM New Member Luncheon- Fellowship Hall
12:00 PM Walk 4 Water- 3 Leg Run
3:00 PM Pint w/ Pastor- 3 Leg Run
4:00 PM Youth Group- Annex

Monday: April 13

11:30 AM Book Club-226
6:30 PM Boy Scouts- 226

Tuesday: April 14

10:30 AM Joy Singers- Music Suite
3:00 PM Rest Stop- Annex
6:00 PM Bridge Band Rehearsal- Sanctuary
7:00 PM ESL- 205, 214, 221, 226
7:00 PM Nominations- 116
7:30 PM Fresh Start Band Rehearsal- DFH

Wednesday: April 15

2:00 PM Grief Share-213
5:45 PM Handbell Choir
5:45 PM Wacky Wed.- Trinity
6:15 PM Youth Bible Study- Trinity UMC
6:30 PM Crew- 206
6:30 PM Girl Scouts- DFH
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday: April 16

10:00 AM The Hurried Gospel of Mark- 221
11:30 AM Women's Fellowship Lunch- Bella Italia, 6407 Iron Bridge Rd
1:30 PM Prayer Shawl- Parlor
6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study- Annex
7:00 PM ESL-Social- DFH

Friday: April 17

9:30 AM Feed More- Greenleigh

Saturday: April 18

7:00 AM Running for HIS Glory- Church Parking Lot
5:00 PM Praise In The Park, Family Night

Next Sunday: April 19

8:15 AM Nursery until 12:00 PM
8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship- 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
2:30 PM Virginia State University Concert- Sanctuary
3:00 PM Pint with a Pastor-Three Leg Run
4:00 PM Youth Group- 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, Mrs. Cindy Webb, is available today, 9:00 AM, Room 105.

Stephen Ministers will be at the back of the congregation during the Fresh Start Service and at the front, behind the altar rail during the Bridge and Traditions Services. You are welcome to go to them after you receive communion if you'd like them to pray with you. If you prefer, there are prayer request forms in the attendance pew pads to write down your prayer requests and place them in the offering plate when the ushers collect the offerings. The Ushers will give them to a Stephen Minister after the service, and Stephen Ministers will pray for you in confidence. The forms are also designed to be mailed to the church.

Please Welcome Into Christian Fellowship Our New CUMC Members:

8:30 AM	Linda Love
9:45 AM	Steve Davies
11:00 AM	Rose Childress, Lisa Hammer, Martha Williams

Our Newest Confirmands! Individuals of our 2026 Confirmation Class will profess their faith today and will be received as full members of Chester UMC. Please pray for them as they continue in their faith journeys.

8:30 AM	Emily Galarza, Chappell Talley, Evan Voros
11:00 AM	Angelina Bartlett

- Each year, our confirmation class chooses a mission project. This year, they wrote letters to people in prison through the HARP ministry.

Walk 4 Water Chester: Today, 12:30 PM, Three Leg Run Brewery.

Singles Seniors Group: Today's meeting is ***CANCELLED***.

Nursery Worker Needed: We are looking for a nursery worker for Sunday mornings during worship services, from 8:15 AM to 12:15 PM. Must be an adult and able to lift small children. Background check required. Contact nathandecker@chesterumc.org to apply.

The Hurried Gospel of Mark: Thursdays, through May 7, 10:00 AM, Room 221. Led by Pastor Nathan Decker. POC: Pastor Nathan, nathandecker@chesterumc.org

Women's Fellowship Luncheon, Thursday, April 16, 11:30 AM, Bella Italia, 6407 Iron Bridge Road, Richmond, 23234. Please RSVP no later than Monday, April 13 to Joan Osborne, josbor61@gmail.com.

VSU Concert Choir In Concert Sunday, April 19, 2:30 PM. Join us for this incredible opportunity! You won't want to miss this thrilling concert! All are welcome! A free-will offering will be received.

Keep In Prayer: Cindy Webb; Jennifer Dyson; Abby Honn; Sandy Cullather; Joshua Devericks; Doris Hancock; Bobbie Morrissette; Jim Watkins; Dorothy Gonzalez; Darrin Zoller; Linda Nabors; Victoria Harrington; Pat Baake; Laney Marshall 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

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, April 5, 2026
6:30 AM, Sunrise Service……....136
8:30 AM, Fresh Start ..... …104
9:45 AM, Bridge..... 93
11:00 AM, Traditions 258
Online 87
Total…….…...678

Good Friday, Friday, April 3, 2026**……..135**

Leading Our Worship Today, Sunday, April 12, 2026

Greeters:	**8:30**	Joan & Steve Osborne, and youth
	9:45	Donna Nunery
	11:00	Sharon Buchanan, Betty Labin
Ushers:	**8:30**	Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer *Head Usher
	9:45	Brenda* & Jesse Stacy
	11:00	Will Herrmann*, Bob & Jane Huffman, Mike Kelley, Patrick Mims
Communion:	**8:30**	Emily Galarza, Chappell Talley, Evan Voros
	9:45	Debra Hubley
	11:00	Evan Moody, Tracey Kellam, Angelina Bartlett
Donut Disciple:		Laura Hougland
Nursery:		Carla Adams, Morgan Hall

Feed More Food Distribution: Friday, April 17, 9:30 AM- 12:30 PM, at Greenleigh Community Center, 14006 Stevenhurst Dr, Chester. Come be a part of Chester UMC in action! We are looking for ten 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 unloading the food truck, setting up tables, separating food, organizing the food distribution, placing food allotments in vehicles, traffic control, collecting and breaking down empty boxes, and cleaning up. *Sign up no later than Monday. April 13*. Contact Eric Hougland, Missions Chairperson, at ehougland88@gmail.com for more information. Use the QR code, or call the Chester UMC Church Office (804-748-6006), or visit this link below to sign up today! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44ACAF2CAAF5C16-63345040-copy#/

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.

Notary Service: The Church Office now offers notary services during regular office hours: Monday through Thursday, 8:30 AM- 2:00 PM. Please call Michelle at the Church Office to make arrangements ahead of time. There is no fee for this service.

Altar Flowers: Consider providing flowers for the Altar. You will 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 chart. Return the form to the Church Office.

Leading Our Worship Sunday, April 19, 2026

Greeters:	**8:30**	Gina & Patrick Dobbs	
	9:45	Brenda & Jesse Stacy	
	11:00	Linda Large, Marian Perkinson	
Ushers:	**8:30**	Tracey* & Tommy Wright	*Head Usher
	9:45	Beth Stewart*, Kim Young	
	11:00	Gordon Morris*, Joan & Steve Osborne, Doug Riney, Sandy Sims	
Donut Disciples:		Chip & Laurie Cobb	
Nursery:		Carla Adams, Morgan Hall	

New Outreach at Chester UMC! We're partnering with First Touch Sports to begin a new ministry, Church on the Sidelines. We'll provide support, services, and advocacy to families involved in the youth soccer organization by:

- Offering a welcoming presence and consistent support at games.
- Providing snacks and water for players.
- Sharing information about programs and services the church offers, as well as those offered in the community.
- Practicing intentional listening to fully understand family needs and challenges.

For more information, please contact Evan Moody, youthleaders@chesterumc.org

Youth Guatemala Mission Trip Fundraising: Over 30 youth and their families will be traveling to Guatemala in June to complete medical missions, construction projects, and VBS camps for children. POC: Emily Smith Smith.family21@outlook.com

- **Look Into Your Employer** - If you are an HCA Employee, you can 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 -** ***April 19 is the deadline for monetary donations***. 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. We are so grateful for all the donations that we have received.

Visitation Teams at CUMC Need Help! Teams of two people visit church members and family members who are experiencing illness, loss of a loved one, isolation, and 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, (804) 796-2910 or Will Schmidt, (804) 931-3660. We need you!

Backpack: We are thankful for the many ways you support this ministry: financial donations, food donations, shopping, packing and delivering each week. It takes many people to ensure these children have food over the weekend. Donations of Pop Tarts, ramen noodles, canned pasta, canned meats (chicken, tuna, Vienna sausages), and peanut butter are always needed! As you do your regular shopping, please consider adding an item or two to support this ministry. Thank you. 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 volunteering at 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. Call Susan to sign up to provide a meal. Contact Rest Stop Team Leader, Susan Petrey, at (804) 938-5396, for more information.

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. 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

Middle & High School, Sunday School Class: 9:45 AM, Youth House (Annex). Grades 6-12. POC: Evan Moody, youthleaders@chesterumc.org

Pint with a Pastor: Sundays, 3:00 PM, Three Leg Run. Ever had a question about faith you were afraid to ask? POC: Pastor Nathan Decker, nathandecker@chesterumc.org

Seekers Sunday School Class: 9:40 AM, Room 226. All adults are welcome.
POC: Laura Hamm, Laura.hamm83@yahoo.com

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

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, keith.mottley@comcast.net or 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 great food and 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 Annex. 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. POC: Brion Seward 1bseward@comcast.com

Graduate Recognition: On Sunday, April 26, we will recognize all 2026 graduates during worship. For more information, please contact the Church Office at (804) 748-6006.

Stephen Ministry: 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 someone who could benefit from a Stephen Minister, please contact Steve Osborne, sosbor60@gmail.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.

- **The Jean Craig Fellowship**: Meets on the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 PM, Room 205. Next meeting will be Monday, May 4, 7:00 PM. We will assemble hygiene kits for UMCOR. POC: Susan Petrey (804) 938-5396.
- **The Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship**: Meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month, 10:30 AM, Room 226. Next meeting will be Thursday, May 14, 10:30 AM. POC: Martha Miles, (804) 748-5476.
- Our April 11 **CRAFT SHOW** has been **CANCELED**. It is with deep regret that the show has been canceled. We do not anticipate rescheduling. We wish you great success in your crafting.

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

Monthly Emmaus Gathering: For those who attended Walk to Emmaus gatherings at any time in their lives. Held on the 2nd Saturday of each 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 Face-to-Face encounter is October 16-17 & October 23-24**.** Face-to-Face is a daytime walk. POC: Claudia Nagy at (804) 712-7733.

Emmaus Pot Luck Luncheon: Sunday, May 3, CUMC Fellowship Hall, immediately following the 11:00 AM Traditions Worship Service. If you've participated in an Emmaus Walk, please join us for a potluck luncheon with fellow participants. It will be fun to share our experiences from our weekend and how it continues to impact us. We want teams to start sending pilgrims to future walks to lessen the responsibilities for an individual.
POCs: Rev. Dr. Marg Kutz margkutz72@gmail.com and Claudia Nagy. dgramy@yahoo.com

A Place of Miracles: Thank you for your donations. We need towels, deodorant (new) and personal hygiene items. Place donations in the Church Missions closet.
POC: Diane Merryman, (804) 586-4189 dianemerryman@gmail.com

PICNIC
in The Park

CHESTER UMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

JOIN THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FOR A FUN DAY OF PLAY, PRAYER AND POPSICLES! BRING A PICNIC TO ENJOY, PLAY GAMES IN THE FIELD WITH US, OR JOIN THE KIDS ON THE PLAYGROUND! WE WILL BRING THE FUN AND POPSICLES!

SUNDAY
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GOYNE PARK
AT 3 PM - 5 PM
BESIDE ECOFF ELEMENTRY

RSVP TO WHITNEY GRAHAM - 804-691-0383

American Red Cross Blood Drive: Wednesday, May 6, 10:00 AM -3:00 PM, CUMC Fellowship Hall. Give blood and receive a $20 eGift Card. If you are an eligible type O, B-, or A- donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Schedule your donation by scanning the QR code or use the link: https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=chesterumcva

Vacation Bible School: June 22-26, 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM. For children 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

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 at youthleaders@chesterumc.org.

Welcome Melanie Fleischer, New Associate Pastor

Melanie Fleischer is a rising fourth and final-level MDIV/MACE dual degree student at Union Presbyterian Seminary. Mel graduated from Randolph Macon College in January of 2023 as an A. Purnell Bailey Pre-Ministerial Scholar. She has served in youth and children's ministry for the last three years at Welborne UMC in the West End. She is particularly passionate about Christian Education and making faith formation inclusive to all individuals- no matter their age or ability. Mel spends her free time re-watching Gilmore Girls, reading books, and drinking Starbucks refreshers. Outside of church, you will find Mel in a thrift store or a public library. Attached is a photo of her winning an award for excellence in Christian Education at the Seminary.

Save The Date: Sunday, June 28, immediately following the 11:00 am Traditions Worship Service. Join us for a covered dish luncheon to welcome Melanie Fleischer as the new Associate Pastor of Chester United Methodist Church. Chicken will be provided. Bring a side or dessert to share. All are welcome.