the bridge

June 28, 2026 - 9:45 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC
Soon and Very Soon
I Stand Amazed
Amazing Grace/Peaceful, Easy Feeling
Glory to His Name

SCRIPTURE
Hebrews 13:20-21 NIV

SPECIAL MUSIC
The Perfect 10
Band & VBS Folks

MESSAGE
Equipped with Everything Good
Evan Moody

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FRESH START SERVICE

June 28, 2026 - 8:30 AM

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

WORSHIP MUSIC

Hallelu
Mercy is Falling
I Am a C
Fruit of the Spirit
Awesome is the Lord Most High

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Perfect 10
Band & VBS Folks

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:37-47 NRSVUE

MESSAGE

Awe Came Upon Everyone
Pastor Steve Osborne

June 28, 2026 **A Service of Worship and Praise** **11:00 AM**
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting
Prelude ***Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children*** Organist

* Call to Worship[1] Claudia Nagy, Liturgist

Leader: God we come to worship you
People: in Spirit and Truth!
Leader: We come to empty ourselves for you.
People: Receive our praise and worship, our joys and sorrows, our hopes and fears.
Leader: We give all ourselves to you in worship
People: so that you will fill us up with your Spirit
Leader: and send us out into your world again to continue the work of your kingdom!
People: Praise God! Praise God! Praise God!

* Opening Prayer[2]

Lord, You are good – so good. We are in awe of Your grace and Your holiness. Thank you for Your tender watch care. Thank you for using difficult moments to give us the treasure and richness of who You are, for truly You are our treasure and great reward. Awaken our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth, in complete wonder and awe. Amen.

* Hymn No. 158 ***Come, Christians, Join to Sing***
* 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.

Anthem ***Stand Up!*** Chancel Choir

Why We Give
Offertory ***Holy, Holy, Holy*** Organist

* 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. 349	***Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus***	
	Scripture	***Acts 2:37-47***	NRSVUE
	Sermon	***Awe Came Upon Everyone***	Steve Osborne
*	Hymn No. 156	***I Love to Tell the Story***	
*	Benediction		
*	Postlude		

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

[1] https://getlitworship.wordpress.com/2017/04/25/call-to-worship-for-passionate-worship/
[2] https://www.nanjones.com/prayer-longing-to-stand-in-awe-of-him/

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving remembrance of Rachel Epps, mother of Cathy Epps, on the occasion of what would have been her 100th birthday.

Calendar

June 28, 2026– July5, 2026

Today: Sunday, June 28

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 Luncheon to Welcome Mel Fleischer- DFH

Monday: June 29

6:30 PM Boy Scouts- 226

Tuesday: June 30

10:30 AM Joy Singers- Music Suite

Wednesday: July 1

10:00 AM Blood Drive- Fellowship Hall
12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
6:30 PM Crew- 206

Thursday: July 2

1:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry- Parlor
6:30 PM Women's Christian Book Club- Youth House/Annex

Friday: July 3

Saturday: July 4

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

Next Sunday: July 5

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
11:50 AM Gather & Graze- Welcome Center
2:00 PM Patriotic Concert- Sanctuary

- On Monday, July 6, the Church Office will be closed for the Independence Day holiday.

Sunday Worship Schedule

July 5	Hospitality of the Cup	Matthew 10:26-42 NIV
July 12	Good Dirt	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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, Cindy Webb, is available today at 9:00 AM in room 105.

Welcome Luncheon for Pastor Melanie Fleischer: *TODAY*, 12:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Come and welcome the new Associate Pastor, Melanie Fleischer. Join us for delicious food, fellowship, and a warm welcome. All are invited!

Cards for Veterans: Deadline is *TODAY*. Please submit all cards to the Missions Closet or the sharing bin outside the Welcome Center. Thank you for recognizing the courageous Veterans.

A Special Charge Conference has been called for *Tuesday, June 30, at 7:00 PM*, via Zoom. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the compensation report for the new Associate Pastor, Melanie Fleischer, effective July 1, 2026. This will be the only business transacted during this special session. Use this *Zoom link:*
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88227262362?pwd=90mAA271xeyLZnOpwka2nsHCwkqqMm.1

American Red Cross Blood Drive: Wednesday, July 1, 10:00 AM- 3:00 PM, CUMC Fellowship Hall. Donors will be offered a Looney Tunes T-shirt gift while supplies last. Schedule your donation by scanning the QR code or visit the link.
https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=chesterumcva

Gather & Graze: Sunday, July 5, following the 11:00 AM Traditions Worship Service. Stay a while and enjoy a complimentary light lunch and fellowship in the Welcome Center.

In God We Trust - Featuring the Joy Singers: Sunday, July 5, 2:00 PM. Join us as we celebrate America's 250th birthday with a concert of freedom and faith in the Sanctuary. This program will stir your soul and have you beaming with pride. The Joy Singers are joined by Jack Price (trumpet) and Marissa Resmini (violin), with solos by Tom McHugh, Jackie Farley, Craig Seal, Sharon Robertson, and Joshua Wortham.

New Bible Study: Join Pastor Nathan for a study of the Book of Romans! This six-week Bible study meets Thursdays at 10:00 AM, July 9 through August 20 in Room 213. Deepen your faith, grow in understanding of Scripture, and enjoy fellowship together.
POC: Nathan Decker nathandecker@chesterumc.org

Richmond Flying Squirrels Baseball Game: Saturday, August 8, 7:05 PM. The Church is having an outing at a Flying Squirrels Game. We have reserved a block of 50 tickets at the third base side dugout area. Tickets are $20 and are open to any church members and their family. RSVP required, no later than Monday, July 6. Email or text Brion Seward, 1bseward@comcast.net , (804) 943-1406.

Keep In Prayer: Cindy Webb; Emory Large; The family of Jessica Corley; Dawn York; Audrey Comer; Barbara Dance; Lisa Dabney; Pamela Harmison; Michael Stinnett; Cindy Webb; Jennifer Dyson; Abby Honn; Sandy Cullather; Joshua Devericks; Monty Nunery; Bobbie Morrissette; Jim Watkins; Dorothy Gonzalez; Linda Nabors; Pat Baake; Walt Stone; Sharon Buchanan; Linda Willingham; Bruce Highley; Mary Tyree; Dick & Lynn Weis; 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
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Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ChesterUnitedMethodistChurch/.
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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 office@chesterumc.org with "Prayer Chain" or "Prayer Request" in the subject line.
The Chimes* Newsletter**– Submit items to assistant@chesterumc.org no later than the 3rd Wednesday of January**,** March, May, ***July, September, and November.

Our Presence on Sunday, June 21, 2026

8:30 AM, Fresh Start.....…84
9:45 AM, Bridge 59
11:00 AM, Traditions.....134
Online.....59
Total……...336

Leading Our Worship Today, Sunday, June 28, 2026

Greeters:	**8:30**	Andy Steck & McDuff 🐾	
	9:45	Stephanie Decker	
	11:00	Marian Perkinson	
Ushers:	**8:30**	Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer	*Head Usher
	9:45	Jim Watkins*, Scott Pugh	
	11:00	Gary Williams*, Janis Hargrave, Marshall Henry, Doug Riney, Kay Williams	
Donut Disciples:		Andy & Eileen Steck	
Nursery:		Carla Adams, Vicki Hankins	

Feed More Food Distribution: Friday, July 17, 9:30AM-12:30 PM at Greenleigh Community Center. This is a positive way to impact our community. We're seeking 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! Visit the link to register to volunteer.
POC: Eric Hougland, (804) 212-7857, ehougland88@gmail.com.
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44ACAF2CAAF5C16-64455508-july#/

Cake and Ice Cream Social for Our 90 Plus Birthdays: Sunday, July 19, 12:00 PM, Fellowship Hall. Come join us in celebrating all the birthdays of church members who are age 90 and above. Everyone is invited to enjoy a sweet birthday treat.

Interested in Joining Chester UMC? We warmly welcome you to join our Church family! If you would like to learn more about Church membership, please contact our Membership Coordinator, Joan Oborne. She will be delighted to help you take the next steps to membership.
POC: Joan Osborne josbor61@gmail.com, (540) 270-4251.

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". Please consider becoming a Chester Chum.
For more information contact Joan Osborne at josbor61@gmail.com, (540) 270-4251.

Altar Flowers: We have many dates still available for you to provide flowers- July 19, 26; August 30; September 6, 20, 27; November 29. Write your name on the flower chart by the Church Office and fill out one of the forms below the chart. Call or email the Church Office to let us know. Please make your own arrangements with your preferred florist.

Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, July 5, 2026

Greeters:	**8:30**	Mike Thompson & Betsy Zalumas	
	9:45	Stephanie Decker	
	11:00	Martha Miles, Marian Perkinson	
Ushers:	**8:30**	Tommy Wright*, Tracey Wright	*Head Usher
	9:45	Brenda Stacy*, Pat Stanfield	
	11:00	Beth Stewart*, Tommy Petrey, Scott Pugh, Doug Riney, Sandy Sims	
Communion	**8:30**	Melanie Fleischer, Bill & Karen Comer	
	9:45	Melanie Fleischer, Debbie Hubley	
	11:00	Melanie Fleischer, Tracey Kellam, Jeff Marlin	
Donut Disciples:		Chip & Laurie Cob	
Nursery:		Vicki Hankins, Tracy DeLuca	

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 Lynn Crump at lynncrumppla@gmail.com.

> Testimony from a person who received the care of a Stephen Minister:
> "My Stephen Minister listens—really listens. He doesn't judge me or tell me what to do but walks side by side with me. I never realized how helpful and healing that can be. With his care and support, I'm making it through." If you or someone you know could benefit from a Stephen Minister, contact Sandy Sims at sandygeosims@hotmail.com

Rebuilding From Hurricane Helene: Are you interested in going to Asheville, N.C. to provide Hurricane Helene relief on September 27 through October 3, 2026? Hurricane Helene (2024) hit Western North Caroline causing extensive flooding and damage. There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, July 19 at 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited if you want to be on the team, or if you just want information about the upcoming trip. There will be two team meetings; August 16 and September 20 at 2:00 PM in Room 226. Please consider being on the team. For more information contact Keith Mottley or email him at: keith.mottley@comcast.net.

Women's Fellowship Luncheon: 3rd Thursdays, 11:30 AM. Join us each month at a local restaurant for great food and conversation. Next luncheon will be at Kristin's Kitchen, 11:30 AM, Thursday, July 16. Please RSVP to Joan no later than Monday, July 13.
POC: Joan Osborne josbor61@gmail.com

Meet our 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.

We are a growing and connecting bunch! Stay connected through our texting ministry. Help connect us as the Body of Christ. In addition to the various forms of communication (print and digital), we also have a texting service to keep us connected with guests, small groups, ministry opportunities, special events, and so much more!

To sign up and be a part of our Text Ministry, scan the QR code or text the word "Connect" to (804) 979-2922.

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

Bridge Builders Ministry is asking for help in supporting the Men's HARP program with toiletries for the men leaving jail and for those coming into the jail until their commissary accounts are started. Items needed are deodorant, soap, body wash and shampoo. Leave your donations in the Mission Closet in the labeled bin**.** Thank you for supporting this Ministry! POC: Maureen Coker, mcoker2003@comcast.net

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. POC: Susan Petrey, (804) 938-5396.

- **The Jean Craig Fellowship**: Meets on the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 PM, Room 205. *Next Meeting: Monday, July 6, 6:00 PM- Field trip to Shalom Farms*. POC: Susan Petrey (804) 938-5396.
- **The Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship**: *Will resume meeting in the fall.* Meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month, 10:30 AM, Room 226. POC: Martha Miles, (804) 748-5476.

Christmas In July: Helping Our Neighbors in Need! We're celebrating Christmas in July by collecting food items for our food pantry. Donations of non-perishable food items are appreciated, and we especially need peanut butter, breakfast cereal, canned chili, canned chicken and tuna, canned beef stew, and soup. We cannot accept any expired items. Financial contributions (memo: Christmas in July) are also gratefully accepted and will be divided between the CUMC food pantry and the Rise Against Hunger campaign in August. Thank you for impacting our community and loving our neighbors!

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, Youth House 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.
Grades 6-12. POC: Evan Moody, youthleaders@chesterumc.org

Youth Group: Grades 6th-12th, 4:00 PM -5:30 PM, Youth House. Meets weekly for fun, fellowship and outreach. Snacks are provided. *On summer break.*
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- 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 new session will begin Aug 5-Oct 28. 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 *Currently on summer break.* POC: Rebecca Hodell, rhodell7@gmail.com

Youth Bible Study: Wednesdays, 5:45 PM- 7:00 PM, Trinity UMC. *On summer break.*

Wacky Wednesdays: Wednesdays, 6:15 PM-7:15 PM, Trinity UMC. *On summer break*.

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. Next luncheon will be at Kristin's Kitchen, 11:30 AM, Thursday, July 16. Please RSVP to Joan no later than Monday, July 13. 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 Youth House. 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