the bridge

August 23, 2026 - 9:45 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC
This Little Light of Mine
He Knows Just What I Need
Jesus Built This Church on Love

SPECIAL MUSIC
His Eye Is On the Sparrow
You Raise Me Up
TeDarryl Perry

SCRIPTURE
Exodus 3:1-10 CEB

MESSAGE
Grace Through Even Me
Rev. Nathan Decker

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FRESH START SERVICE
August 23, 2026 - 8:30 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC
Everlasting God
I Will Follow
Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?
I Refuse

SPECIAL MUSIC
His Eye Is On the Sparrow
You Raise Me Up
TeDarryl Perry

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August 23, 2026 **A Service of Worship and Praise** **11:00 AM**
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting
Prelude ***When In Our Music God is Glorified*** Organist

* Call to Worship[1] Jeff Marlin, Liturgist

Leader: Great Spirit, you have turned your face earthward and opened your heart to your children.
People: And so, O God, do we turn to you now.
Leader: We turn to you for purpose and correction,
People: for joy and peace,
Leader: for a way out of hopeless situations,
People: for justice,
Leader: for forgiveness,
People for love.
Leader: We turn to you, O God, for all these things offered through Jesus the Christ, the maker of redemption and the bringer of hope.
People Amen.

* Opening Prayer No. 446

Make us worthy, Lord,
to serve those throughout the world who live and die in poverty or hunger.
Give then, through our hands, this day their daily bread;
and by our understanding love, give peace and joy. Amen.

* Hymn No. 569 ***We've A Story to Tell to the Nations***

* 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.

Special Music ***His Eye Is On the Sparrow*** TeDarryl Perry

Children's Message Whitney Graham

Why We Give
Offertory ***You Raise Me Up*** TeDarryl Perry

* 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. 572	***Pass It On***	
Scripture	***Exodus 3:1-10***	CEB
Sermon	***Grace Even Through Me***	Rev. Nathan Decker
* Hymn	***We Are Called***	

* Benediction
* Postlude

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

[1] Flames of the Spirit, pg. 61, #16
[2] UMH No. 446

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Ed & Marian Garrett in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary (August 20).

Calendar
August 23, 2026– August 30, 2026

Today: Sunday, August 23-
Blessing of the Backpacks

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
11:00 AM Parent Meeting with Pastor Mel- Youth House
12:00 PM Emmaus Reunion Lunch- Fellowship Hall
4:00 PM Middle School Rise Up- Youth House Lawn

Monday: August 24
6:30 PM Boy Scouts- Fellowship Hall

Tuesday: August 25
7:00 PM SPRC Meeting- 116

Wednesday: August 26
12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
2:00 PM Grief Share-213

Thursday: August 27
1:30 PM Prayer Shawl- Parlor
6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study- Youth House

Friday: August 28

Saturday: August 29

Next Sunday: August 30
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 Rise Against Hunger- Fellowship Hall
4:00 PM Youth Pool Party

Worship Schedule

August 30: "Goodness is Stronger than Evil", Romans 12:9-21 NRSVUE
"They'll Know we are Christians by our Love", Romans 12:9-21 NIV

September 6: "An Inner Life in God's Presence", Psalm 103:1-13 NRSVUE

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.

Let's Extend A Warm Welcome To Our Newest CUMC Members:

- ***Karen Harmon*** will be transferring her membership and reaffirming her faith today.
- ***Lisa Harmon*** will be reaffirming her faith today.
- ***Willie Orton*** will be transferring his membership and reaffirming his faith today.

Chesterfield County Fair: Friday, August 28 - Saturday, September 5. Sign up to volunteer. This is a fun opportunity to raise money for the Church. A quick training session for volunteers will be held at the fairgrounds at 3:30 PM, today. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D44A5A72BA75-64645760-chesterfield POC: Stacey Ferrer, (804) 300-0033, ssfva@comcast.net.

Rise Against Hunger: Sunday, August 30, 12:00 PM, Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed for set-up, meal packaging, and clean-up. Rise Against Hunger works in countries worldwide to fight hunger, targeting communities facing food insecurity. Visit this link to volunteer. https://act.riseagainsthunger.org/event/e803210

Kid's Koinonia Communion Class: Wednesday, September 2, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM, Room 205. Children preschool through 5th grade. Learn how God loves us through bread, juice and Jesus. Children will have an opportunity to help serve communion during worship on October 4. Contact Whitney Graham for more information at preschool@chesterumc.org.

Chester UMC Annual Picnic & Children's Carnival: Sunday, September 13, 12:00 PM. All are invited. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided. Please bring your lawn chair and a side dish or dessert to share. Indoor seating will be available in the Fellowship Hall.
POCs: Susan Petrey (Picnic), 938-5396 and Whitney Graham (Carnival) preschool@chesterumc.org

Guest Musician, TeDarryl Perry is a performance artist and arts educator based in Richmond, who specializes in the advancement of Black and LGBTQIA+ theatre. Regional theatre credits include *I Love You Because* (Marty), *The Golden Girls: The Lost Episodes* (Blanche), *A Strange Loop* (Thought 4, u/s Usher), *The Best of Times* (Featured Performer), *one in two* (Person in the Middle), *The Inheritance* (Young Man 2/Jason 1), and *Corpus Christi* (Simon) with Richmond Triangle Players, *Something Rotten!* (Brother Jeremiah) at the Dogwood Dell, and *Kiss Me, Kate* (Harry/Baptista), *They're Playing Our Song* (Voice/Phil), and *The Little Mermaid* (Sebastian) with the Homefront Players. They hold a Bachelor of Arts in Communications & Drama and a Master of Arts in Media Management from Virginia State University. Aside from their work in the world of theatre, TeDarryl is also a recording artist, whose music can be streamed on all digital platforms.

Keep In Prayer: Dawn York; Wesley Yandle; Cathy Epps; Bill Chapin; April Cibula; Billy Hopson; Cindy Webb; Emory & Linda Large; Audrey Comer; Barbara Dance; Lisa Dabney; Jennifer Dyson; Eliza Furr; Joshua Devericks; Monty Nunery; Dorothy Nugent; Bobbie Morrissette; Linda Nabors; Walt Stone; Sharon Buchanan; 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

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Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ChesterUnitedMethodistChurch/.
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Instagram: Instagram.com/chesterumc
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Daily Devotionals: https://www.facebook.com/share/18Xuixg6DR/?mibextid=wwXIfr
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, August 16, 2026

8:30 AM, Fresh Start.....…109
9:45 AM, Bridge 45
11:00 AM, Traditions.....120
Online.....64
Total……...338

Leading Our Worship Today, Sunday, August 23, 2026

Greeters:	**8:30**	Andy & Eileen Steck	
	9:45	Jesse Stacy	
	11:00	Sharon Buchanan, Janis Hargrave	
Ushers:	**8:30**	Tommy Wright*, Tracey Wright	*Head Usher
	9:45	Scott Pugh*, Kim Young	
	11:00	Will Herrmann*, Janis Hargrave, Jeff Marlin, Tommy Petrey, Don Schmidt	
Donut Disciple:		Laura Hougland	
Nursery:		Carla Adams, Vicki Hankins	

County Fair Volunteer Shirts: If you registered to volunteer at the County Fair before August 1 and qualified for a complimentary CUMC t-shirt, your shirt is ready for pickup at the Church Office. Thank you for volunteering and for serving our community!

Dinner for Six/Eight: Couples and singles gather once a month for dinner in a host's home, September–November (and sometimes December) and January–May. The host provides the meat and beverages, while others bring an appetizer (optional), bread, salad, vegetables, or dessert. Groups of six and up to eight will enjoy dinner together once a month. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know fellow churchgoers! You do not have to be a CUMC member to participate. **If you're interested or have questions, email or call Mary Musselwhite**. Let her know if you're willing to host. POC: Mary Musselwhite (804-330-0014), softshl1@gmail.com

Providing Altar Flowers: Help beautify the Sanctuary while honoring God. Dates available: ***Aug 30; Sept 6, 20, 27; Nov 29***. Sign up on the flower chart outside the Church Office and complete one of the forms found under the chart. You can also just call or email the Church Office at (804) 748-6006, office@chesterumc.org.

Interested in Joining Chester UMC? We warmly invite you to become a member. If you would like to learn more about membership, please contact our Membership Coordinator, Joan Oborne at josbor61@gmail.com, (540) 270-4251. Our next New Disciple Sunday will take place on October 25, during worship. (You are always welcome to join any Sunday.)

Turn Your RMD into a Charitable Gift: If you are eligible to take Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from your IRA, please consider making your tithes and charitable gifts directly from your IRA to the church through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). When eligible, giving directly from your IRA can satisfy all or part of your RMD while potentially reducing your taxable income. Please consult your financial or tax advisor and ask your IRA custodian to send the contribution directly to the church. It's a wonderful way to support our ministry while making your giving more tax efficient. For more information, contact Julie Jones, Finance Administrator at finance@chesterumc.org.

Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, August 30, 2026

Greeters:	**8:30**	Bill & Karen Comer	
	9:45	Stephanie Decker	
	11:00	Jim Rhodes	
Ushers:	**8:30**	Gordon Morris*, Ron Dombrowski	*Head Usher
	9:45	Brenda Stacy*, Kim Young	
	11:00	Beth Stewart*, Marshall Henry, Bob Kutz, Jonny Phillips, Tommy Petrey	
Donut Disciples:		Chip & Laurie Cobb	
Nursery:		Carla Adams, Vicki Hankins	

Chester UMC

PICNIC

and Kids' Carnival

Sunday, September 13, 12 PM

Fried chicken and drinks provided.
Please bring a lawn chair and a
side dish or dessert to share.
Indoor seating available.

United Methodism 101 Class: Sundays, September 27 through October 18, 12:00 PM, Room 205. Join Pastor Mel for a crash course on the United Methodist Church history, traditions, and theology. All are welcome! POC: Pastor Mel, pastormel@chesterumc.org

WOW: (Worship on Wednesday) Children's Church, Preschool through 5th Grade. Join us *starting in September,* on the *first Wednesday of each month,* 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM in Room 205. Get creative and messy with crafts, science, and sensory, while learning a bible lesson and meeting new friends. A light dinner will be provided. Please RSVP. Parents may drop off or stay. POC: Whitney Graham, (804) 691-0383, preschool@chesterumc.org

Pridefest: Saturday, September 12, 12:00 PM -8:00 PM, Midtown Green in Richmond. As we continue embracing diversity, we are excited to return to the Virginia Pridefest to share Christ's love and a message of inclusion. We'll partner with other local United Methodist Churches as we connect with our community and offer a warm, affirming presence. There will be opportunities to volunteer and participate. More details will be shared soon.
POC: Joshua Wortham, music@chesterumc.org

Chesterfest: Saturday, September 26, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, 11804 Centre Street. CUMC will be sharing a booth with Bermuda Hundred UMC and Trinity UMC as part of the UMCs of Chester partnership. We're looking for three CUMC volunteers to help welcome visitors and offer hospitality at our booth. (One volunteer needed for each of the three shifts.) When you sign up, please let us know if you already have a "UMCs of Chester" T-shirt from last year. If you need a shirt include your size in the comments section of the sign-up form. Use this link to sign up. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4FAAA72AA4FD0-64646771-chesterfest#/

Backpack Ministry: School has begun and we are again operating our Backpack Ministry. Last year we averaged 58 children per week. We need canned chicken, peanut butter, Pop Tarts, Rice-a-Roni, Spam, and Tuna Helper. Please think of us when you are shopping and pick up a few of these items. Place them in the Missions Closet in the bin labeled Backpack. Financial gifts are always welcome! Thank you for your generosity.
POCs: Carolyn Landis landisfamily05@gmail.com and Karen Comer kgcomer@verizon.net

Stephen Ministers Needed: Stephen Minister training teaches principles and skills that equip you to provide high-quality, Christ-centered emotional and spiritual care to others. The 20 training sessions will begin in the fall, take a break for the holidays, resume in the new year, and end in February. To help accommodate your schedule the training will work around fulltime working folks via hours/day and virtual/hybrid. This is what one Stephen Minister said about the training: "Stephen Minister training taught me not just how to be a caregiver, but how to live life in a new way; being Christ to other people." If you would like to talk to somebody about participating, please contact Lynn Crump at lynncrumppla@gmail.com or Andy Steck at coop1kate@gmail.com.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Parenting in the Digital Age: Sunday, September 27, 4:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Nathan will lead a conversation on "Parenting in the Digital Age", for parents with children of all ages. From managing daily screen time to navigating the world of Artificial Intelligence, parenting today looks completely different than it did just a few years ago. Join us for a supportive community conversation for parents and guardians. Together, we'll explore practical ways to protect your child's cognitive development, no judgment. Discuss actionable strategies to help your kids grow up healthy, balanced, and safe. POC: Pastor Nathan, nathandecker@chesterumc.org

Sunday, September 27

4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Join Pastor Nathan for a judgement-free conversation about helping our children grow up safe, well-balanced, and healthy.

A Place of Miracles is requesting kitchen utensils, small kitchen appliances, sheets, towels, new personal hygiene supplies, men's belts, hoodies, and jackets. Please leave items in the Mission Closet in the labeled bin. Thank you for your support. POC: Diane Merryman, (804) 586-4189

Bridge Builders Ministry is asking for help 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 new deodorant, soap, body wash and shampoo. Please leave your donations in the Mission Closet. Thank you for your support.
POC: Maureen Coker, mcoker2003@comcast.net

Chester Chums is a 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. Contact Joan Osborne at josbor61@gmail.com.

Give a Dog a Job 5K- Canine Companion 5K Run / Walk: Saturday, October 10. This family and dog run / walk supports Canine Companions, (www.canine.org), a non-profit that provides service dogs to children, adults and veterans with disabilities, at no cost to them. Our very own Andy, Eileen, & McDuff Steck will be there this year manning the donut and water table. Use this link to register today. Please pass this information on to friends and family. https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/TBD/GiveaDogaJob5krunwalk

Remember to Use Our Virginia Sales Tax Exemption: As we continue the work of the church, many members graciously volunteer to purchase supplies, food, decorations, ministry materials, and other items on behalf of the Church. We are grateful for your willingness to serve. Please remember that CUMC is exempt from Virginia sales tax on qualifying purchases. Using our tax-exempt status helps us make the most of every dollar entrusted to the Church. Please obtain a signed Virginia Form ST-13 Sales and Use Tax Certificate of Exemption. The retailer must receive this form at the time of purchase to exempt the sale from Virginia sales tax. Contact Julie Jones, Finance Administrator, at finance@chesterumc.org to request a signed copy of the ST-13 form. Thank you for helping us be good stewards of God's gifts. Every dollar saved in sales tax is another dollar available to support the ministries, missions, and outreach of CUMC.

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. 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.

Dinner
for Six or Eight

Meet new friends from church and enjoy a great meal together once a month.

New groups forming now!

For more information or to sign up, please call Mary Musselwhite at (804) 330-0014.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

UNITED METHODISM 101

4-WEEK SERIES STARTING SEPT. 27TH AT NOON IN ROOM 205

DO I HAVE TO RE-TAKE GEOMETRY TO UNDERSTAND THE WESLEYAN QUADRILATERAL?

WHAT IS SO "METHODICAL" ABOUT METHODISTS?

ARE THERE MEMBERSHIP DUES TO JOIN THIS HOLY CLUB?

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. *On break until Sept. 6.* 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. *On break until September 6.*
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. We are working through the book, *"Disciples 2 Fast Track", (*New Testament - Luke and Acts).
POC: Laura Hamm, Laura.hamm83@yahoo.com

Middle & High School, Sunday School Class: 9:45 AM, Youth House.
Grades 6-12. POC: Pastor Mel Fleischer, pastormel@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.
POC: Pastor Mel Fleischer, pastormel@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. Helping the men of HARP. 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. Participant workbook is $25. 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

Wacky Wednesdays: Wednesdays, 5:45 PM- 7:00 PM, Trinity UMC. Children of all ages are welcome. Dinner will be provided. *Starts back on September 2.*

Youth Bible Study: Wednesdays, 6:15 PM-7:15 PM, Trinity UMC. Middle School- Grades 6-8. Dinner will be provided. *Starts back on September 2.*

WOW: Kid's Ministry: 1st Wednesday of the month, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM, Room 205. Preschool- 5th Grade. Light dinner provided. Please RSVP to Whitney Graham, (804) 691-0383, preschool@chesterumc.org.

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

Handbells: Wednesdays, 5:45 PM, 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: Meets every other Thursday, 6:30 PM, Youth House. Age 18-30. Contact Pastor Mel for dates and details. POC: Pastor Mel, pastormel@chesterumc.org

Women's Christian Book Club: 1st Thursdays of *odd months*, 6:30 PM, 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. POC: Brion Seward 1bseward@comcast.com