the bridge

September 6, 2026 - 9:45 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC
I'll Fly Away
Leaning on the Everlasting
How Great Is Our Go
Revive Us Again

SPECIAL MUSIC
Take Time to be Holy
Mette Shultz

SCRIPTURE
Psalm 103:1-13 NRSVUE

MESSAGE
An Inner Life in God's Presence
Rev. Nathan Decker

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FRESH START SERVICE
September 6, 2026 - 8:30 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC
Majestic
Unstoppable God
Firm Foundation
Enough
In the Secret

SPECIAL MUSIC
Take Time to be Holy
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September 6, 2026 **A Service of Worship and Praise** **11:00 AM**
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting
Prelude ***How Great Thou Art*** Organist

* Call to Worship[1] Claudia Nagy, Liturgist

Leader: Come, all who labor and are weighed down with responsibility, uncertainty, and worry.
People: We come, because the load we carry is heavier than we can bear alone.
Leader: Come, all you who seek to relate work and worship, leisure and service, into a meaningful whole.
People: We gather for spiritual renewal and practical challenge, for help in making choices and carrying out our commitments.
Leader: Come, sinner and saint, with your hatreds and loves, your failures and successes, your sorrows and joys.
People: We respond to the Spirit's leading and open ourselves to receive God's gracious gifts.

* Opening Prayer[2]

New every morning is your love, great God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

* Hymn No. 133 ***Leaning on the Everlasting Arms***

Special Music ***Take Time to be Holy*** Mette Shultz

Children's Message Whitney Graham

Why We Give
Offertory ***Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*** Pianist

* Doxology No. 94

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

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

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

Hymn No. 377 ***It Is Well With My Soul***

Scripture ***Psalm 103:1-13*** NRSVUE

Sermon ***An Inner Life in God's Presence*** Rev. Nathan Decker

Holy Communion

* Hymn No. 347 ***Spirit Song***
* 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. 52, A. Labor Sunday
[2] Book of Worship pg. 569

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Patricia Moss, by Summer, Stephen, and Sierra Lannan.

Altar Flowers: Providing altar flowers is a beautiful way to honor God and celebrate the people and special moments that are meaningful to us, such as loved ones, anniversaries, birthdays, and other special occasions. Please consider providing flowers for the altar. **Available dates are September 20, September 27, and December 27.** To sign up, please add your name to the flower chart outside the Church Office and complete one of the forms located under the chart. You may also email your chosen date and dedication to the Church Office at office@chesterumc.org. Please make arrangements directly with your preferred florist. River's Bend Florist will waive the delivery fee for altar flower orders. Thank you for helping beautify our sanctuary and honor God through this meaningful tradition.

Calendar
September 6, 2026– September 13, 2026

Today: Sunday, September 6

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
12:00 PM	Gather & Graze-Welcome Center
1:30 PM	Key Club-116
4:00 PM	Youth Group- Youth House

Monday: September 7

Labor Day -	Church Office Closed

Tuesday: September 8

2:00 PM	Stephen Ministers- 226
7:00 PM	ESL- 205, 214, 221, 226
7:00 PM	Church Council- 116

Wednesday: September 9

12:00 PM	Bulletin Deadline
2:00 PM	Grief Share-213
5:45 PM	Handbell Choir
5:45 PM	Wacky Wednesday- Trinity UMC
6:15 PM	M.I.D.D.L.E.- Trinity UMC
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir

Thursday: September 10

10:30 AM	Ada Mae Bookman- 226
1:30 PM	Prayer Shawl- Parlor
6:30 PM	Young Adult Bible Study- Youth House
7:00 PM	ESL- 205, 214, 221, 226

Friday: September 11

Saturday: September 12

9:00 AM	CPR Training- Fellowship Hall
12:00 PM	Pridefest, RVA- Midtown Green, Richmond

Next Sunday: September 13

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	Church Picnic & Kids Carnival- Fellowship Hall and Lawn
4:00 PM	Youth Group Kick Off - Youth House

Worship Schedule:

Sunday, September 13	"*An Inner Life in the Word*"	Psalm 119:33-40 CEB
	"We are Equipped"	2 Timothy 3: 10-17 CEB

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.

Stephen Ministers will be available at the back of the congregation ***during Communion*** at Fresh Start and at the front, behind the altar rail during Communion at The Bridge and Traditions. You are welcome to go to them after you receive communion to have them pray with you. If you prefer, there are prayer request forms in the pew pads to write down your prayer requests and place them in the offering plate during the offering collections. Stephen Ministers will pray for you in confidence after the service. The forms are designed to be mailed to the church. Mailed prayer requests will be confidentially given to the Stephen Ministry for prayer.

Gather & Graze: *TODAY!* Join us in the Welcome Center for fellowship and a complimentary light lunch. Grab and go, or even better- stay awhile and connect with others.

Volunteer for Pride Festival Saturday, September 12, at Midtown Green (2401 W Leigh St). We are teaming with Woodlake UMC and others to offer a spirit of welcome, invitations to worship, and affirmations for our LGBTQIA+ neighbors. Scan the QR code or use the link below to volunteer. When signing up please leave a comment with the name of your Church so that we have a good mixture of people from both congregations throughout the day. Wear a CUMC shirt if you have one! If all of the slots are full, just show up and hang out! **We also need help writing affirmations on postcards.** Please see Joshua Wortham on Sunday morning if you are willing to help. They need to be returned to the Church Office by this Wednesday, September 9. POCs: Jack Price JackPrestonPrice@gmail.com and Tracey Wright traceylwright@gmail.com . https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848ABAA2CABFFCE9-65426534-pridefest#/

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

Joshua's Album Release Concert: Sunday, September 20, 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Come hear hymns and sacred songs to soothe the soul and then pick up your copy of Joshua's new album, "This Is My Story," available on CD and streaming. All are welcome!

Chesterfest: Saturday, September 26, 10:00 AM–4:00 PM, 11804 Centre Street. CUMC will be sharing a booth 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 for each of the 3 shifts) When you sign up, please comment 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. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4FAAA72AA4FD0-64646771-chesterfest#/

Keep In Prayer: Victoria Harrington; Dawn York; Wesley Yandle; Cathy Epps; Bill Chapin; Dawn York; April Cibula; Billy Hopson; Cindy Webb; Emory & Linda Large; Audrey Comer; Barbara Dance; Lisa Dabney; Jennifer Dyson; Joshua Devericks; Monty Nunery; Bobbie Morrissette; Linda Nabors; Walt Stone; Sharon Buchanan; Bruce Highley; 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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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 30, 2026

8:30 AM, Fresh Start.....…101
9:45 AM, Bridge 52
11:00 AM, Traditions.....118
Online.....56
Total……...327

Leading Our Worship Today, Sunday, September 6, 2026

Greeters:	**8:30**	Bill & Karen Comer	
	9:45	Jesse & Brenda Stacy	
	11:00	Linda Large, Will Schmidt	
Ushers:	**8:30**	Wendell Landis*, Ron Dombrowski	*Head Usher
	9:45	Beth Stewart*, Kim Young	
	11:00	Herb McCulloch*, Janis Hargrave, Mike Kelley, Patrick Mims, Tommy Petrey	
Communion:	**8:30**	Andy & Eileen Steck	
	9:45	Paul Marretti	
	11:00	Sharon Boroch, Wanda Reese	
Donut Disciples:		Andy & Eileen Steck	
Nursery:		Carla Adams, Vicki Hankins	

Thank You to all who participated in Rise Against Hunger last Sunday. Over 15,000 meals were packed and will be distributed worldwide to people in need. We had approximately 100 people that volunteered to help make this a huge success. Thank you for your support!

Georgia Rogers Farmer In Concert: Sunday, October 25, 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Georgia is Richmond's premier cabaret artist! With her incomparable mix of vocal skill across numerous genres, and her gift of storytelling and humor, you won't want to miss this delightful afternoon of music that offers something for everyone! Georgia is accompanied by Joshua Wortham on piano, Bentley Cobb on drums, and Alex Kehayas on bass. A free-will offering will be received.

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.

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

Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, September 13, 2026

Greeters:	**8:30**	Joan Osborne
	9:45	Jesse & Brenda Stacy
	11:00	Pam Kasky, Jim Rhodes
Ushers:	**8:30**	Tracey Wright*, Tommy Wright *Head Usher
	9:45	Brenda Stacy*, Steve Davies
	11:00	Gordon Morris*, Larry Koon, Bob Kutz, Scott Pugh, Don Schmidt
Donut Disciple:		Laura Hougland
Nursery:		Carla Adams, Vicki Hankins

Backpack Ministry: School has begun and we are again operating our Backpack Ministry. 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 items in the Missions Closet in the bin labeled Backpack. Financial gifts are always welcome! Thank you for your continuous generosity and support. POCs: Carolyn Landis landisfamily05@gmail.com and Karen Comer kgcomer@verizon.net

Become A Stephen Minister: 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 and end in February. To help accommodate your schedule the training will work around fulltime working folks via hours/day and virtual/hybrid. 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

Bridge Builders Ministry is asking for help supporting the Men's HARP program with new 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 in the designated bin. Thank you for your support. POC: Maureen Coker, mcoker2003@comcast.net

A Place of Miracles Cafe and Clothes Closet would appreciate your support with the following donations: fall clothing, sweatshirts/hoodies, zip up jackets for men, women and children; new personal hygiene items; kitchen utensils and small kitchen appliances. Thank you for all of your support.

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.

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

CUMC Emmaus Reunion Group Lunch: Sunday, September 27, 12:00 PM, Fellowship Hall. If you have participated in the Walk to Emmaus anywhere, you are welcome to join us. Lunch will be provided. We look forward to sharing food, faith and fellowship. We will discuss plans for our Emmaus Reunion Group. Please contact Don Schmidt for details at wahoodon45@gmail.com.

American Red Cross Blood Drive: Wednesday, October 7, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM, Fellowship Hall. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Consider making a difference through blood donation. Every minute, blood products are needed to help cancer patients undergoing treatment, and your donation could support their journey. Donors will receive a $15 e-gift card as a thank-you for saving lives.
https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=chesterumcva

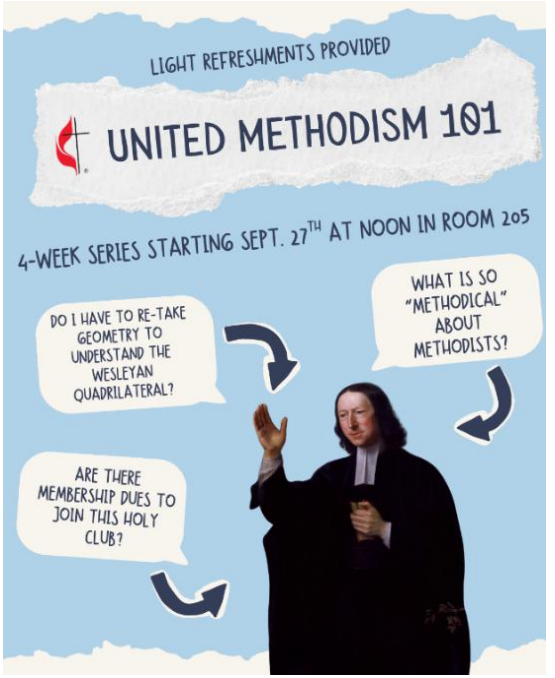
Give a Dog a Job 5K- Canine Companion 5K Run / Walk: Saturday, October 10. This family and dog run / walk supports Canine Companions, (www.canine.org), a non-profit that provides service dogs to children, adults and veterans with disabilities, at no cost to them. Our very own Andy, Eileen, & McDuff Steck 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

Feed More Food Distribution: Friday, October 16, 9:30 AM -12:30 PM. One way to impact our community is to help with a Feed More food distribution at the Greenleigh Mobile Home Park. 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 the volunteers include: unload the food truck; set up tables and separate food; organize the food distribution; place food allotments in vehicles; traffic control; collect and breakdown empty boxes; and clean up afterwards. Use the QR code or visit the link below to sign up to volunteer.
Please sign up no later than Monday, October 12. POC: Eric Hougland, ehougland88@gmail.com
LINK: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44ACAF2CAAF5C16-65476323-october#/

New Bible Study, The Broken Fellowship of John's and Jude's Letters:
Thursdays, September 17- November 5, 10:00 AM, Room 221. Led by Pastor Nathan. This study will focus on the Letters of 1, 2, and 3 John as well as Jude discovering what the early church struggled with about who Jesus was and is and what that means for us as a people of faith today. POC: Pastor Nathan, nathandecker@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.)

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.



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

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

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.

Album Release Concert

*Sunday, September 20 * 3:00 PM*

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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. New to CUMC? Looking for a small group? Join the Fresh Start Sunday School Class in study, fellowship, and service. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Beginning September 13: *Wesleyan Vile-tality* calls us back to the roots of our identity. Centered on the moment John Wesley "submitted to be more vile" in spreading the love of God to all people, Ashley Boggan argues that Wesleyan vile-tality is at the core of who we are as Methodists.
For information, call 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. We are currently studying the book of Acts. *On break until September 13.* 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.

M.I.D.D.L.E. Youth Bible Study: Wednesdays, 6:15 PM-7:15 PM, Trinity UMC. Middle School- Grades 6-8. Dinner will be provided. POC: Pastor Mel, pastormel@chesterumc.org

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