the bridge

October 18, 2026 - 9:45 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC
I'll Fly Away
Sweeter as the Days Go By
Great Are You Lord
Take My Life
Glory to His Name

SCRIPTURE
Isaiah 45:1-7 NIV

SPECIAL MUSIC
What If I Give All?
Joshua Wortham

MESSAGE
God's Unlikely Instrument
Pastor Mel Fleischer

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FRESH START SERVICE
October 18, 2026 - 8:30 AM

WORSHIP MUSIC
Today is the Day
Sing, Sing, Sing
Great Are You Lord
Take My Life
This Is Our God

SPECIAL MUSIC
What If I Give All?
Joshua Wortham

SCRIPTURE
Exodus 33:12-23 NRSVUE

MESSAGE
Seeing the Backside of the Promise
Rev. Nathan Decker

October 18, 2026 **A Service of Worship and Praise** **11:00 AM**

Pledge Sunday

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Prelude ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*** Organist

* Call to Worship[1] Claudia Nagy, Liturgist

Leader: The goodness of the Lord passes before us;
People: The name of the Holy One is proclaimed for all to hear.
Leader: God is gracious and merciful to whomever God chooses;
People: Show us your glory, O Lord, we pray!

* Opening Prayer[2]

Days pass and the years vanish, and we walk sightless among miracles. Lord, fill our eyes with seeing and our minds with knowing; let there be moments when your presence, like lightning, illumines the darkness in which we walk. Help us to see, wherever we gaze, that the bush burns consumed. And we, clay touched by God, will reach out for holiness, and exclaim in wonder: How filled with awe is this place, and we did not know it: "Blessed is the Eternal One, the holy God!" Amen.

* Hymn No. 110 ***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***
* Affirmation of Faith No. 885
* 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 ***Every Time I Feel the Spirit*** Chancel Choir

Children's Message

Why We Give
Offertory ***What If I Give All?*** Joshua Wortham

* 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. 131 ***We Gather Together***

Scripture ***Exodus 33:12-23*** NRSVUE

Sermon ***Seeing the Backside of the Promise*** Rev. Nathan Decker

Making our Commitment to God

* Hymn No. 354 ***I Surrender All***
* Benediction
* Choral Amen

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* *Please stand as you are able.* **Bold print indicates a response in unison.**
[1] https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/10/call-to-worship-exodus-33.html
2 Worship and Song Resources, pg. 27, #57

The Altar Flowers are given by Sandy Sims to the glory of God and in memory of her husband George, and other cherished loved ones no longer with us.

Calendar

October 18, 2026 – October 25, 2026

Today: Sunday, October 18

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 UMC 101- Room 205
4:00 PM Raising Children to Be Disciples- Fellowship Hall
4:30 PM Youth Group- Trinity

Monday: October 19

6:30 PM Boy Scouts- Fellowship Hall

Tuesday: October 20

2:00 PM Stephen Ministers-226
7:00 PM Charge Conference- Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM ESL- 205, 214, 221, 226

Wednesday: October 21

12:00 PM Bulletin Submissions Due
2:00 PM Grief Share-213
5:45 PM Handbell Choir- Music St
5:45 PM Wacky Wednesday- Trinity UMC
6:15 PM MIDDLE- Trinity UMC
6:30 PM Crew- 206
6:30 PM Girl Scout - DFH
7:00 PM Chancel Choir- Music St

Thursday: October 22

1:30 PM Prayer Shawl- Parlor
6:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study- Youth House
7:00 PM ESL- 205, 214, 221, 226
7:00 PM Finance Meeting- 213

Friday: October 23

Saturday: October 24

Next Sunday: October 25

8:15 AM Nursery until 12:00 PM
8:30 AM Fresh Start Worship- Fellowship Hall
8:30 AM Pastor Nathan's Book Signing until 12:30 PM- Welcome Center
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 Disciple Reception- Fellowship Hall
3:00 PM Georgia Rogers Farmer Concert- Sanctuary
4:00 PM Youth Group

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 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.

Today is Pledge Sunday! We invite you to fold your Pledge Card and pin it onto the cross during worship. We ask that you prayerfully consider how you can continue to support the mission and ministry of our Church. By participating in Pledge Sunday, you are helping build a strong foundation for our Church Community and ensuring that we can continue to grow, serve, and share God's love with others. You may also use the QR code to access the electronic 2027 Pledge Card**.** If you have any questions, please contact the Financial Administrator, Julie Jones, at (804) 748-6006, finance@chesterumc.org.

Raising Children To Be Disciples: Today at 4:00 PM, Fellowship Hall. Parents and guardians, please join us for a meaningful conversation led by Pastor Nathan. Parenting is a journey, and guiding our kids to follow Jesus is the most rewarding, and sometimes challenging part of it. How do we introduce spiritual disciplines to a toddler, an elementary student, or a teenager in a way that actually sticks? We'll discuss how kids grow mentally, emotionally, and spiritually, and how we can tailor our family rhythms to meet them exactly where they are.

Joshua Wortham In Concert, Today, 4:00 PM at Richmond Triangle Players.
Tickets: www.rtriangle.org

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.

Trunk or Treat: Friday, October 30, 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM at CC Wells Elementary. Come join us as we partner with CC Wells for a night of fun. **Candy donations are needed**. Drop off candy in the Church Missions Closet in the designated bin. Please contact Whitney Graham for more information at preschool@chesterumc.org Visit the link to volunteer.
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BA5AD2AA0FFCF8-66107758-chester#/

Cultural Competency: Understanding Bias and Engaging Community: Sunday, November 1, 12:30 PM, Fellowship Hall. Presented by Rev. Lan Wilson, Director of Belonging and Advocacy for the VA Conference of the UMC. Join us for a meaningful and engaging workshop designed to help us: Understand bias and its impact; Strengthen communication across cultures; Build meaningful connections with people from diverse backgrounds; Learn practical ways to interact with greater understanding and respect. No registration required. Come learn, grow, and connect with your community! A hot lunch will be provided (in lieu of Gather & Graze) at 12:00 PM.

Keep In Prayer: Cheryl King; Becky York; Kathy Donovan; Julie Jones; Doug Helm; Jim Watkins; Clara Gestwick; Patty Miller; Sharon Brick; Judy White; Angie Lawhon; Cathy Epps; Victoria Harrington; Bill Chapin; April Cibula; Billy Hopson; Ann Stuart; Audrey Comer; Emory & Linda Large; Barbara Dance; Lisa Dabney; Jennifer Dyson; Susan Young; Monty Nunery; Bobbie Morrissette; Linda Nabors; Walt Stone; Jo Kiser; Sharon Buchanan; Bruce Highley; Dick & Lynn Weis; Bert Watson; Ella Hilton; Erika Hilton; Harold Worcester; Lynda Richardson; Summer Lannan; Brooke & Mary Ann Hamilton

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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, October 11, 2026

8:30 AM, Fresh Start.....…90
9:45 AM, Bridge 40
11:00 AM, Traditions.....118
Online.....63
Total……...311

Leading Our Worship Today, Sunday, October 18, 2026

Greeters:	**8:30**	Patrick & Gina Dobbs	
	9:45	Stephanie Decker	
	11:00	Pam Kasky, Jim Rhodes	
Ushers:	**8:30**	Wendell Landis*, Bill Comer	*Head Usher
	9:45	Jim Watkins*, Steve Davies	
	11:00	Herb McCulloch*, Bob Kutz, Janis Hargrave, Sandy Sims, Doug Riney	
Donut Disciples:		Chip & Laurie Cobb	
Nursery:		Carla Adams, Vicki Hankins	

Living Waters District Charge Conference: Tuesday, October 20, 7:00 PM at CUMC. The Charge Conference directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the Church Council, reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, sets salaries, elects the members of the Church Council, and recommends candidates for ordained ministry.

Joshua Wortham In Concert
-Saturday, October 24, 3-5 PM, Discovery UMC, various short sets during fall festival
-Sunday, November 15, 3:00 PM, Discovery UMC
-***CDs of "This Is My Story"*** available from Joshua or in the Church Office, $15
or stream at joshuawortham.hearnow.com

CC Wells Parent-Teacher Conference Meal: Monday, November 2. We need your help! Let's show our appreciation and love for the teachers at CC Wells. Teachers will be at school all day for Parent-Teacher Conferences, and we'd like to provide them with a meal. Volunteers are needed to provide chili, soup, sandwiches, and energy drinks. Please bring donations to the church on Monday, November 2, between 8:30AM–11:00 AM. For more information, contact Pastor Nathan Decker at pastornathan@chesterumc.org, or call the Church Office at 748-6006.

Children's Choir returns this fall as we prepare to present a musical entitled, "The Christmas Carol Special Report!" Rehearsals are held in the music suite on Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:40 AM (during the second half of Fresh Start Worship). Led by Debbie Phillips, with help from Emily Leighty, Whitney, and Pastor Mel, all children (and even youth who are interested!) are encouraged to join! The musical will be presented on Sunday, December 13, at 11 AM.
POCs: Whitney, preschool@chesterumc.org, and Joshua, music@chesterumc.org

ESL Snacks: Consider providing and serving snacks for the ESL classes on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 7:45 PM- 8:15 PM, now through Thanksgiving. Many students come straight from work without dinner, and they greatly appreciate the hospitality. Snacks can include anything from pizza to small sandwiches to a variety of fruit, chips, and dessert. Please click the QR code to sign up.
POC: Rebecca Hodell, rhodell7@gmail.com

Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, October 25, 2026

Greeters:	**8:30**	Joan Osborne	
	9:45	Steve Davies	
	11:00	Mary Musselwhite, Marian Perkinson	
Ushers:	**8:30**	Tommy Wright* & Tracey Wright	*Head Usher
	9:45	Brenda Stacy*, Kim Young	
	11:00	Beth Stewart*, Larry Koon, Jeff Marlin, Scott Pugh, Don Schmidt	
Donut Disciples:		Andy & Eileen Steck	
Nursery:		Carla Adams, Vicki Hankins	

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 Osborne at josbor61@gmail.com, (540) 270-4251. *Our next New Disciple Sunday will be on October 25,* during worship.

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

CUMC Emmaus Reunion Gathering: All gatherings for the rest of this year have been postponed. Emmaus gatherings will resume in 2027.
POC: Don Schmidt, wahoodon45@gmail.com

Christmas Mother: Sponsor a family this holiday season. The Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Christmas Mother program is a nonprofit, charitable organization that was established in 1972 by Miss Lucy Corr, then superintendent of the Chesterfield County Welfare Department. The program has expanded over the years to include Chesterfield and Colonial Heights and is currently managed by a committee of volunteers. The program's purpose is to help families, elders, and foster children not be forgotten during the holiday season. The mission of the Chesterfield – Colonial heights Christmas Mother program is to provide assistance in the form of new toys, books, clothing, and food gift cards to qualifying children, families, and seniors as we celebrate the holidays in our community. Monetary donations are appreciated. Checks may be made payable to Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Christmas Mother. For more information on how you can help, please visit https://cchchristmasmother.com/ POC: Carol Ricker, christmasmchesterfield@gmail.com, (804) 748-1183

Church Workday & Annex Clean-Up Day: We have two opportunities to lend a helping hand, give a little of your time, or fulfill volunteer hours! Whether you can stay for the entire event or just part of the time, your participation is greatly appreciated.

- **Churchwide Workday**: **Saturday, November 7, 9:00 AM–2:00 PM**
  Join us for a day of caring for and maintaining our church facilities. No special skills are required, just a willing heart and a helping hand!
  POC: Mark Elbon elbonmark@outlook.com
- **Annex Clean Up Day**, **Saturday, November 14, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM**, The Annex (Youth House) needs some light tidying and cleaning, and we would appreciate youth and adult volunteers to help get the space looking its best. POC: Pastor Mel pastormel@chesterumc.org

Cards for Veterans: Veterans Day is Wednesday, November 11. Let's honor our Veterans at Richmond VA Medical Center and Sitter & Barfoot Care Center with cards of appreciation. Cards are due to the Missions Closet *no later than Sunday, November 1*. Please sign only your first name and please do not seal the envelope. Thank you! POC: Karen Cole

All Saints Sunday: Sunday, November 1, during worship. Join us as we honor our loved ones who have claimed the promise of glory. Bring a photo with you and place it near the altar in their memory.

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

Stephen Ministry: There are people in our congregation and community who could benefit from the personal care of a Stephen Minister. We have trained Stephen Ministers ready to walk alongside these people. If you or someone you know could benefit from a Stephen Minister, contact Sandy Sims at sandygeosims@hotmail.com

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Surviving the Holidays: *Navigating the Holidays After Loss,* by GriefShare is a practical, Christ-centered resource for those facing the holidays after losing a loved one. It offers expert insight, personal stories, biblical hope, and practical tools to help you feel seen, supported, and equipped. Participants will hear wisdom from seasoned counselors, pastors, and others who speak directly to the heartache of the season. *Surviving the Holidays* will remind you that you are not alone, and God is present even in your pain. *Meeting date and time will be announced soon.* POC: Rev. Keith Mottley at keith.mottley@comcast.net

***"They Keep Calling Me Pastor"*:** Pastor Nathan's book is available! Pastor Nathan will be selling signed copies in the Welcome Center on Sunday, October 25th before and after worship services. Cost is $20. This book is a great resource for pastors and laity who want to support their pastor. Bishop Tom Berlin writes, "Whether you have recently become a pastor or have been following your calling for years, Nathan Decker wants to show you the basics, grow your skills, and encourage you to offer your best work to your church and community. If people keep calling you pastor, this book will help you without overwhelming you."

Thanksgiving Meal Give Away: Consider donating to the Chesterfield Food Bank Outreach Center to ensure our neighbors have a Thanksgiving meal. We are accepting items now through Sunday, November 15. Please place donations in double-paper grocery bags and place in the in the Church Missions Closet. ***Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted, or you can donate $20 Grocery Gift Cards.*** Write "Thanksgiving Meal" on your check memo line or offering envelope. Another way you can help is to volunteer with sorting or distributing food the week of November 16. To learn more about the Thanksgiving Meal Giveaway, please visit this link: https://www.cfboc.org/thanksgiving

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.

Bridge Builders Ministry is asking for help supporting the Men in the 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 your support.

Flowers for the Altar: It's not too early to sign up to provide Altar Flowers for 2027! The 2027 Flower Chart is located on the wall opposite the Church Office door.
When signing up, please complete the form found below the flower chart and return it to the Church Office. Thank you for helping beautify our sanctuary, honor God and celebrate special occasions with Altar Flowers.

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.

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

Children's Sunday School: 9:45 AM. Pre-K (Room 107); K-2 (Room 204)
Grades 3-5 (Room 206). 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.
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.
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 (Annex).
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. ***Next Luncheon is Thursday, October 15 at Don Papa Grande.*** *RSVP to Joan Osborne no later than Monday, October 12.* 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