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WELCOME NEW STAFF

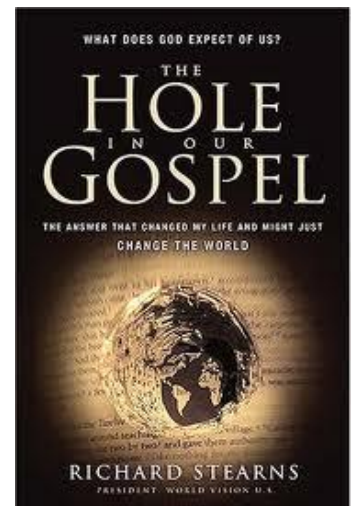


We welcome Jim Davis (Rev. Dr. James Davis) as our Director of Spiritual Formation. Jim and his wife, Karen, moved from Missouri to Chester this year to be closer to their daughter and grandchildren. Jim is a retired pastor from the Missouri Conference where he served under appointment from 1956 to 2003. Since then he has worked as a bereavement counselor, interim pastor, and president of a Christian Academy. Jim's experience and training are wide and deep and we feel blessed to have him as part of our staff. Please join in making Jim and Karen feel welcome here!

HOME GROUP STUDY

"If your personal faith in Jesus Christ has no positive outward expression, then your faith has a hole in it."

The next Home Group session will begin the week of January 22. This will be a six week study entitled, The Hole in Our Gospel, by Richard Stearns and it is accompanied by a study guide. Home groups provide opportunities to form friendships, to grow in faith and to become more involved in the life of the church. If you are interested in attending a Home Group, go to <http://www.chesterumc.org/floating4.php> and click on the image to register. You may also register in the Sunday Pew Pads. If you would like a preview of the study, go to <http://www.thegospelquest.com/pages/> to watch a video. Please refer to the next page for a full list of Home Groups.



**Home Groups
Beginning the Week of January 22**

Group Host	Location	Day/Time
Cathy Epps	3804 N. Middlebrook Ct. Chester	Tuesdays / 6:30 PM <i>Single Women</i>
Marian & Ed Garrett	10812 Erin Green Court Chester	Wednesdays / 7 PM
Cheryl & Charles Green	2910 Blithe Drive	Wednesdays / 7 PM <i>FULL</i>
Mindy & Mike Kelley	4100 Hamlin Terrace Chester	Sundays / 2 PM
Phyllis & Dennis Knaack	12104 Middlecoff Drive, Chester	Thursdays / 7 PM
Joan & Joe Longo Facilitator, Pastor Marg Kutz	12907 Rockridge Road Chester	Sundays / 2 PM
Martha Miles	7310 Beach Road Chesterfield	Mondays / 7 PM
Susan Petrey	7031 Conifer Road Richmond	Mondays / 7 PM <i>Women's Group</i>
Jill & Craig Seal	11724 Malibu Street Chester	Sundays / 12:30 PM
Joshua Wortham	101 W. Marshall Street Richmond	Mondays / 7 PM

**Mission Possible
2011 Wrap-Up**



- 49 Backpacks Stocked Weekly
- 285 Children's Books Donated for the Broadwater Community
- 15 Christmas Meals Delivered
- 93 Sharing Tree Recipients
- Operation Christmas Child: 90 Shoe Boxes Filled and 2 Huge Bags of Toys
- Financial Gifts to Branches (FL City)
- Lost Boys of Sudan Scholarships



Dear Congregation,

Have you been pondering making some changes this year? **Maybe you are thinking** of making faith a bigger part of your life by coming to worship regularly—*there are 3 options*. **Perhaps you are contemplating** delving more into the Bible and getting to know a few more people—*participating in a Home Group is perfect for this*. **Do you want your children** to be involved in the life and ministries of our church? *Have them try Sunday school, youth groups and choir*. **Do you want** to make a difference in the lives of others? *Consider tutoring at Broadwater, going to Branches in Florida City over spring break, or bringing food weekly for our Backpack Ministry and/or Food Pantry*. You get the idea.

Pastor Mary

BETH MOORE STUDY

Ladies, the next session of Monday bible classes begins January 16 at the church. We will be studying the book of James at 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM. Come join us for another wonderful Beth Moore Study! Please contact July Ferry (530-5009) if you haven't already signed up for a book.



CHESTER UMC YOUTH



It's 2012! Happy New Year from the Chester Youth! The Youth were extremely busy during the last month of 2011. We always enjoy the Advent Season because it reminds us of the birth of our Savior. We created handmade Advent candles to help us remember the meaning of Advent Season. Our Youth had an awesome time decorating the Youth Cottage for Christmas; they were so creative and energetic with the decorations. Thank you to those who donated Christmas decorations. We closed out December with the Youth Cottage Open House. We thank our church family for stopping by and showing your support. Parents, thank you for the cookies and punch. The Youth had a great time sharing their space and sharing their youth experiences with you.

In December, Middle and High School Youth also shared their joyful voices for an evening of Christmas caroling. We enjoyed the hot cocoa and yummy goodies you provided for us. What a great evening filled with awesome memories! To close out the year, Middle and High School Youth had a blast ice skating on December 31 at the Richmond Ice Zone.

We want to thank our Church family for your support. We look forward to serving and loving one another in 2012. It's never too soon to start thinking about plans for summer missions. We will share summer mission plans as soon as the dates become available.

CUMC NURSERY SCHOOL

Greetings and Happy Holidays from the CUMC Nursery School. We had a wonderful December! We would like to welcome our new director, Jenni Deckert, to the Nursery School family. She has already jumped in with BOTH feet and has is a great addition to our staff.

CUMCNS was very busy during the holidays! In December, we held a coat drive. Over 30 coats were collected and 75% of them were for children, which was the greatest need. Thank you to those who donated! On December 7th we held a birthday party for Baby Jesus in which the children brought in gifts of canned food. This food went to stock the CCHASM Food Pantry of our church. Our school goal was 300 items...and we did that and more! Thank you to all who donated an amazing **444 items!!!**

We will be enjoying Christmas Break beginning December 19th. Nursery school begins for the New Year on January 2nd. We look forward to a super 2012! Happy New Year and best wishes for 2012 from our families to yours. ~ The Nursery School Staff~



Are you interested in learning more about CUMC? Join us to learn about the mission, vision and much more of Chester United Methodist Church. Sessions will be held January 22 and January 29 in Room 116 from **9:45– 10:45 AM**. Please

register in the pew pad, Email Terry at cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org, or notify the church office (748-6006) if you are planning to attend.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

- **Executive Committee meeting** will meet on **Wednesday, January 11**, at 7:00 PM in Room 207. All unit officers and fellowship leaders are asked to make plans to attend.
- **Frances Allen Fellowship** will meet on **Tuesday, January 10** at the home of Carla Faris. All women of the church are welcome. Call Janis Hargrave, 526-4156, for details.
- **Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship** will meet Thursday, January 12, 10 AM in Davis Fellowship Hall. Call Martha Miles, 748-5476, for details.
- **Jean Craig Fellowship** will meet Monday, January 9, 7:00 PM in Room 116. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Call Susan Petrey, 275-9258, for details.



Call Susan Petrey, 275-9258, to learn more about UMW, our three participating fellowships, and how you can become involved.



**JANUARY BIRTHDAY LISTS
AVAILABLE IN ATRIUM**

KROGER FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

Coming in January to CUMC



Kroger has an easy, effective program to raise money AND it costs the organization and its members nothing. Kroger gives 5% of the total back to the organization. If you are interested in helping our church raise funds for vital ministries through this program then watch for more details in the Weekly Highlights and Sunday bulletins. For more information, go to www.Kroger.com.

FRESH START SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Join the Fresh Start Sunday School Class in Study, Fellowship and Service

- **New Series beginning January 15:** Visitors and new members welcome—*With All Your Heart*—biblical professor and archeologist Rev. Ray Vander Laan takes us on a journey through Sinai and Israel, a region that is still largely desert but at times filled with lush, bountiful places. Discover how Jesus called people to live in the Promised Land; what we can learn during times of abundance and in times of desert; and how God led his people back to the desert often to relearn the lessons they had forgotten.
- **Wednesday, January 4, 6 PM:** We'll celebrate the 10th day of Christmas, take down the Chrismon Tree and have dinner together.



The Fresh Start Class meets every Sunday morning at 9:45 in Room 207. Call Susan Petrey, 275-9258, for more information.

MUSIC NOTES



Travel with the Chancel Choir this summer as we embark on our 4th biennial performance tour. On July 26 through 31, we will venture through Greensboro, NC; Atlanta, GA (including stops at Stone Mountain and the Martin Luther King National Historic Site); Cape Girardeau and St. Louis, MO

(with time to view the city from the top of the Gateway Arch); and Lebanon, KY as we present 5 concerts along the way. Singers and "Roadies" must sign up by submitting a **\$100 deposit on or before Sunday, February 5**. Turn in checks (made payable to CUMC with TOUR in the memo line) to Joshua Wortham to secure your seat on our charter bus.

HALF TIME

Please save the date for our next HalfTime dinner/program which has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, February 15, at 6:15 PM**. The Chancel

Choir will be hosting the dinner and allforONE will provide the entertainment. The cost of the meal will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, with a \$20 family maximum.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The UMM will have their next meeting on **Wednesday, January 4, at 6:30 PM** in Davis Fellowship Hall. ALL men of the church are cordially invited to attend.



WE WELCOME INTO CHRISTIAN MEMBERSHIP

Bryan and Caroline Amsel

13000 Sir Scott Drive
Chester 23831

Jim Asbury

403 Derbycreek Lane
Chester VA 23831

Wayne Ewalt

2425 Mistwood Forest Drive
Chester VA 23831

Tanika Johnson

15214 Timsberry Circle
Chester VA 23831

Garfield & Irene Hendrickson

12912 Sir Scott Drive
Chester VA 23831

John & Cathy Martin

13917 Howlett Line Drive
South Chesterfield, VA 23834

Don Sexton

9830 Waterfowl Flyway
Chesterfield, VA 23838

Donald & Janet Tipton

6670 Elvas Lane
Chesterfield, VA 23838

Rob & Maureen Vilak

14510 Benefice Ridge
Chesterfield VA 23838



WE WELCOME OUR LATEST ARRIVALS

Wesley James Munchel

born to Lisa and Dustin Munchel
December 20, 2011

Rhith Pottayil Thomas

born to Mareen and Deepak Thomas
November 8, 2011

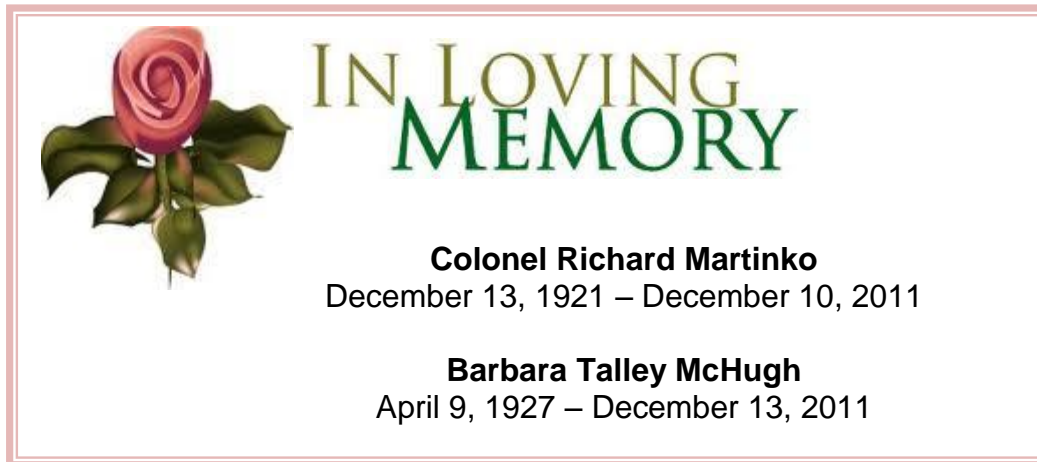
WITH APPRECIATION

Dear Chester Congregation Just wanted to share that I am astounded, amazed, and touched by the generosity of the folks at Chester UMC. I have gotten calls back from some of my families about the "surprise" gift cards located in their presents. The cards have been in the \$50 and \$100 dollar amounts in addition to the gifts. I have a few more to deliver today and see that there are wrapped gift cards along with those presents. I am excited to continue to spread the joy today!! Merry Christmas ~ *Rae Thompson* [caseworker]

Thank you, Church Family, for the Prayer Shawl, food, flowers and candy that you brought to me during my recovery. Your visits and gifts touched me deeply. God bless you all! ~ Edwina McCoy

My family and I would like to express our greatest appreciation to the members of Chester United Methodist Church for the services rendered during Barbara's illness and death. These include meals, visits, gifts and Sympathy Cards. It is very consoling to know that members care and show their respect. May God bless each and every one of you. Sincerely ~ *Jack McHugh*

Thank you, Friends, for your generous donations to Operation Christmas Child this year. Please continue to pray for the children who received our gifts. ~Sharon Buchanan



CCHASM
ALLIANCE FOR SOCIAL MINISTRY

Generous Hearts and Caring Hands to Those in Need

At this holiday season, and all year through, we give thanks for you! **Due to your "generous hearts and caring hands" we were able to provide 2,040 Meal Gift Packages to our service area residents for Thanksgiving 2011.**

These packages helped 4260 adults and 3137 children for a total assistance of 7397 individuals. In addition, we were able to provide over 400 bags & cases of donated assorted food products to our 19 Alliance Food Pantries. May your Holiday Season and New Year be blessed and filled with the love you showed for those in need.

~Your CCHASM Board & Staff~



FEBRUARY CHIMES DEADLINE
Wednesday, January 25; 12:00 Noon