

Sermon Notes

HALF TIME

Mid-week gatherings for food, fellowship and fun
6:15 PM- 7:30 PM; Casual Attire
Prepared Meal at a Minimal Charge
(Adults \$5; Children \$3; Maximum \$20 per family)

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Wednesday, August 4: Program about Upcoming Mission Sunday
(Rev. Ed. Garrett and Amy Dodd)

Wednesday, August 11: Biblical Costumes Program
(Pastor Marg...with an audience fashion design component)

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Be sure to pre-register in the red pew pad.



A Community in Christ

Chester United Methodist Church

Our Mission: Rooted in God, Growing in Christ, Bearing Fruit in the Spirit

12132 Percival Street, Chester, Virginia 23831 * Church: (804) 748-6006 Fax: 748-0859



FRESH START SERVICE

August 1, 2010--8:45 A.M.



Please sign the attendance register on the clip board, sign up for activities in which you would like to participate, and pass it to your neighbor.

WORSHIP MUSIC

Sing, Sing, Sing
Everyday
How Great Is Our God
Everlasting God

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lord of All & Laudamus Te (We Are Praising)
in Harmony – Joan Longo, Charleene Holmes, Mette Shultz

SERMON

“Is God Relevant?”
Rev. Dr. J Stanley Hargraves

SCRIPTURE

Luke 12:13-21

August 1, 2010

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
11:00 AM

10th Sunday
after Pentecost

*Please sign the red attendance register, sign up for activities in which
you would like to participate and pass it to your neighbor.*

ENTRANCE

Chimes

Prelude

We're Marching to Zion

Organist

Call to Worship (based on Ps. 90)

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Congregation: Before the mountains were brought forth,

Leader: or ever you had formed the earth and the world,

Congregations: from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

* Opening Hymn No.117 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

* Opening Prayer

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no
secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy
name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* Welcome and Greeting

Special Music

Lord of All

in Harmony

Joan Longo, Charleene Holmes, Mette Shultz

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the
Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you
say to us today. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 12:13-21

Sermon

"Is God Relevant?"

Rev. Dr. J Stanley Hargraves

Offering

Offertory

Laudamus Te (We Are Praising)

in Harmony

Joan Longo, Charleene Holmes, Mette Shultz

* Doxology No. 95

THANKSGIVING

The Great Thanksgiving (pages 15-16)

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

At the direction of the ushers, please come by the center aisle and as able kneel at the rail. Please eat the bread and drink the juice as you are served and then wait for the table dismissal to return to your pew by the side aisle. Those unable to come forward will be served in their pew. Please tell the usher if you need assistance.

Prayer after Receiving

SENDING FORTH

Community Announcements

- * Closing Hymn No. 88 ***Maker, in Whom We Live***
- * Benediction
- * Choral Response

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- * Those who can will please stand. **Bold print – unison response**

Don't Let Your Offering Go On Vacation: You may give to the church using eGive or by mailing in your offering during the summer when CUMC may experience a decline in giving. The link to eGive is on the CUMC web site at www.Chesterumc.org.



Leading Our Worship **TODAY (August 1)**

- Acolytes:** **8:45** Kristen Coker, Kimberly Christie
11:00 Zak Goodwyn, Anna Nichole Rollins, Dewey Taylor
- Greeters:** **8:45** Richard Parisi, Bruce Costner, Barbara Dance
11:00 Lorraine Young, Mindy Kelley, Edie Fails, Harley Young.
6:00 Carolyn Maxwell
- Ushers:** **8:45** JR Irvin, Dave Coker, Gordon Morris
11:00 Larry Koon, Will Schmidt, John Radford, Gary Williams
6:00 Rian Mey
- Nursery:** **8:45** Janean and Jeff Trimble, Courtney and John Farrell
9:45 Janean Trimble
11:00 Melissa Irvin, Susan Irvin

CALENDAR August 1-8, 2010

<p>Today: 8:30AM Light Breakfast 8:45 AM Fresh Start Service 9:45 AM Sunday Sch/ Sm Grps 9:45 AM Financial Peace 9:45 AM Connections Class 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 3:00 PM UMFY Flying Squirrels Game 6:00 PM CrossRoads</p> <p>Mon. – Thurs. Evenings: Boy & Girl Scout</p> <p>Tuesday: 10:00 AM Prayer Group 6:30 PM Financial Peace Univ 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry 7:30 PM Business Planning</p> <p>Wednesday: 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline 9:30 AM NO Visitation Team 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>6:15 PM Half Time Gathering</p> <p>Thursday: 12:30 PM Empowerment Saturday: 7:30 AM Men’s Prayer B’fast</p> <p>Next Sunday: 8:45 AM MISSION SUNDAY 9:45 AM Connections Class 9:45 AM Financial Peace U 11:00 AM Traditional Service 12:15 PM Covered Dish Lunch 6:00 PM CrossRoads</p> <p><u>Music Schedule:</u></p> <p>Tuesday: 6:30 PM CrossRoads Band 7:30 PM Community Chorus</p> <p>Thursday: 6:30 PM Fresh Start Band</p>
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 Pastor
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Leading Our Worship NEXT SUNDAY (August 8)

Acolytes: 11:00 Grayson Smith, Melissa Irvin

Greeters: 8:45 Margo & Ken Sommer, Linda Large
 11:00 Janet Farmer, Lu Henderson, Mindy Kelley, Peggy Bishop,
 6:00 Bill Comer

Ushers: 8:45 Tom Petrey, Ron Dombrowski, David Ferry
 11:00 Billy Hopson, Harold Crowder, Art Moody, Mary Rhodes, Bruce Costner
 6:00 Keith Boyd

Nursery: 8:45 Darlene Emerson, Vicki Bowers, Desiree & Robert Davis
 9:45 Darlene Emerson
 11:00 Julie Ferry, Linda Large

Welcome Center: 9:45 Sandra Dishman **11:00** Lorraine & Harley Young

August 1, 2010



SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:1-9

SERMON

“The Parable of the Sower”—Tommy Petrey

MUSIC

Goodbye World Goodbye

Boundless Love

Where Could I Go?

O How I Love Jesus

SPECIAL MUSIC

Light the Path--Darryl

Join us for **CrossRoads—Southern Gospel Worship for Today’s Journey—Every Sunday evening at 6:00 PM** for Southern Gospel Hymns, the CrossRoads Band, Special Music from Joshua Wortham, Jennifer Pennison and Darryl Ellyson, and the leadership of Associate Pastor Brandon Robbins.

- **Summer Sermon Series**—Throughout the summer we will study the Parables of Jesus.
- **Sunday, August 15, 6:00 p.m.**—Join us for worship and cool off with an old fashioned treat! **Popsicles will be provided.**

For more information call the church office at 748-6006

KEEP IN PRAYER: Lindsey Brubaker, Nothera Goyne, Hazel Miles (Terry Moody’s grandmother), Meaghan Watkins (Dee Watkins’ granddaughter), Carol Cole and family, Dee Pearson, Margaret Lewis (Beth Powner’s mother), Tom Welchel (Joe Welchel’s father), LaVona Thysell, Barbara McHugh, Susan Payne, David Overton, Hazel Burton, Joe Furr, Jr., Nothera Goyne, Beth Scarborough (Holly Scarborough’s mom), Alan Matthews, Alexa Nixon, Billy Hopson, June Garrett, Beth Newsome, Bob Geddings, Julia Bowman, Joanna McVicker, Adele & Bill Maxwell, Edwina McCoy, Nellie Ervin, Judy Dyson, Margaret Lipscomb, Brenda Norris.

SERVICE MEMBERS:

In Iraq: Jeff Swain (Debbie Yerby’s cousin), Joshua Ferron (Leanne Ferry’s friend);

Lt. Col. Sid A. Taylor, Sr.

In Afghanistan: Sgt. Anthony (Tony) Eplee (friend of Gail & Ron King); Chap. Maj. Grace Hollis-Taylor,

Sfc Allen Harris

Stationed in Coronado, CA: CDR Hersch Weinstock (son of Ann Stuart)

Spangdahlam, Germany: Lt. Richard M. Smyth, USAF (Tish Manuel’s great-nephew)

Camp Lejeune: Rct. Ives, N.R. (Choir member and son of Liz Campbell)

We are blessed that all visitors have chosen to worship with us today. You are invited to stop by our Welcome Center in the Atrium or the table in the narthex where we have prepared gift bags for you. Information and brochures on our church may be found at our Welcome Center. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Metro Richmond at Prayer: Pray for the Workplaces and Businesses of Metropolitan Richmond.

Today's Communion Offering Will Provide Support for "The Lost Boys": The "boys" are preparing to go back to college this fall. They have received all the financial help that they qualified for from the government and the state. They still need our help with about \$1,500.00. To help these fine young men, please write a check payable to CUMC and write "Lost Boys" tuition on the memo line. (You may use a Mission Possible envelope.) Thank you for your help.

allforOne Singing Today at the 5 PM Flying Squirrels game AND it's free mini bat day!

Mission Sunday Update: Even if you will not be present for Mission Sunday (August 8), there are many ways that you can help: We will need lots and lots of the following items brought to church any time between now and August 8. You may leave articles in the bins located in the Mission Closet beside Pastor Marg's office.

1. Special items for the 15 food pantries of CCHASM. Certain items are really needed immediately. The list is available at the Welcome Center.
2. School Supplies for our four local elementary schools. Our help is vital due to drastic budget cuts and the increasing needs of our children. Refer to the list at the Welcome Center or call Brenda McCormac (706.1107) for more details.
3. Back Pack Mission needs canned goods for needy school children. Sandra Dishman (748.2790) can give you more information.
4. You can make a contribution to help in the purchasing of some of the needed items. Checks should be payable to Chester UMC and marked: "Mission Sunday".
5. Invite and encourage family members and friends to be a part of this sharing and life changing opportunity.

Mission Sunday Donations for CCHASM and School Supplies: The school supplies donated will be used for the local Chester Elementary Schools, i.e., Curtis, Ecoff, Harrowgate, and Wells. They will appreciate your efforts on their behalf. Also, the poor among us will be grateful for your food donations to CCHASM. Information on items needed for these missions are listed on flyers available at the Welcome Center. Please place your donations in the designated bins in the Mission Closet.

Mission Sunday Adopt-a-Highway Project This is an awesome opportunity for families to serve together. CUMC has adopted Ecoff Road. The plan is to arrive at church at 8:45 AM and head out to our destinations by 9 AM. Parking is available at Ecoff Elementary School. Your family provides their own transportation and Carpooling is recommended. Safety vests and signs will be provided. Dale Clark (768-8048) is the project leader. **YOUR HELP WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

A Most Rewarding Opportunity on Mission Sunday (August 8) will be helping with **general repairs** for needy homes in the Chester and Colonial Heights area. We will be working in cooperation with The Renew Crew, a helping division of the Elder Homes Corporation. We will have at least four or five teams of volunteers who will go to homes to put up grab bars and do small repair jobs and ramp work. (The materials and supplies will already be at the work site.) For more information, contact Bill Comer (796-2910) or Donna and Bruce Koch (768-1632). Sign up forms are available in the atrium. **YOU ARE NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!**

Covered Dish Luncheon: Mission Sunday, August 8, at 12:15 PM. Please bring a yummy dish to share. Items may be dropped off at the kitchen anytime after 8:30 AM on August 8.

Room/Apartment Needed: Do you have a room or apartment available for rent? We want to assist a young woman in our community. Talk to pastor Marg.

Cars Needed: Do you have a reliable used car that you could donate to the church to give to people in need in our community? A car will help them on the road to self-sufficiency. Please talk to Pastor Marg.

Ty Pennington is Coming to Chester? Well, not exactly. We are in the midst of a youth cottage makeover and since Ty had a previous commitment we are in need of a few volunteers. If you love to paint this opportunity is for you! You can "adopt" painting a room. You can "adopt" painting the trim work. The paint colors have already been chosen. All you have to do is show up! We also need volunteers to spruce up the outside of the cottage. Sign up in the pew pad or contact Susan Nixon (senixon09@aol.com or 748-6006) if you would like to help give the youth cottage a face lift. ☺

3rd Grade Bible Sunday will be celebrated on **Sunday September 5** during the 8:45 and 11:00 services. Please register on the pew pad if you have a rising third grader who would like to receive a Bible during this special time. Many of you have received letters on this. Please reply per the instructions in the letter by Sunday, August 8. CUMC Children's Ministry.

Casting Call for Lead Facilitators and/or Co-stars:

That's Right! This rewarding role may be just for you! We need more cast to serve as lead facilitators for the Middle School Sunday school group. If your preference is to serve as a co-star then we definitely would love to cast your role as well. We have many middle school students who would benefit so much from your willingness to serve in this capacity. Please sign the pew pad if you are interested or you may contact Rita Stewart or Susan Nixon.



Our Food Pantry desperately needs juice, coffee, jelly, pancake mix, and canned carrots, fruits and soups. These items may be dropped off at the church office during office hours or placed outside the Food Pantry (across from Pastor Marg's office) at anytime.



Join us to learn more about the mission, vision, history and much more of Chester UMC. This is a 4 week series that will begin on Sunday, Aug. 1st at 9:45 in room 116. Register on the pew pad if you plan to participate. Guests and friends are encouraged to attend!

UMW Executive Committee Meeting: Wednesday, August 18, 7:00 PM in room 116. All unit officers and fellowship leaders are asked to mark your calendars and make plans to attend.

Choir Tour CD's are now available for \$15 in the choir suite.

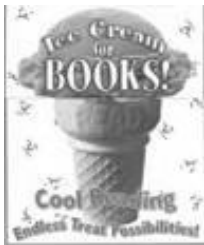
Children's Summer Reading Program

I scream! You scream! We all scream for books!

Sponsor: CUMC Library Committee

July 21- August 11

After dinner at Wednesday Half Time Gatherings, the children will proceed to the Atrium with volunteers. The purpose of the Summer Reading Program is to encourage children and families to read and grow together from the experience.



Everyone has the opportunity to sign-up to sponsor a summer reader. You may register on the pew pad or at the Summer Reading Station in the Atrium. The giving amount is \$1.00 per book read with a maximum of \$12 given per sponsor. Donations will help support the Backpack Mission and should be turned in by August 11.

Senior Idol Auditions will be held August 17 and 29 and September 9 for adults over age 55. More information and an audition forms are available in the church office. This event is sponsored by the Shepherd's Cent

Our EmPOWERment Seminar Series for Job-Seekers Ends in July! Professional business coach, Jan Leaton, will conclude her four-week sessions on Thursday, July 29. If you're in career transition, don't miss your last chance to take advantage of her sage advice. Then on Aug. 5, debut novelist (and Desiree Davis' sister), Michele Young-Stone, will talk to the group about keeping strong faith and being persistent during times of strife, themes her characters face in her well-received debut novel *The Handbook for Lightning Strike Survivors* (Shaye Areheart, 2010). Our meetings start at 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments are provided and the public is always welcome to attend. For more information, contact Pastor Brandon (748-6006, associate@chesterumc.org).

Buy flip flops now! Again this fall the United Methodist Women will collect *children's* flip flops for the Friends of Barnabas medical mission to Honduras. Get yours now at end of summer prices! A collection box has been set up in the **Mission Closet** next to Pastor Marg's office. Flip flops are due no later September 12. Call Susan Petrey, 275-9258, for more information.

Baby Blankets! All members of the church are invited to help the United Methodist Women collect baby blankets to be made into 100 birthing kits. All other materials have been donated. Baby blankets should be approximately 36x36 inches flannelette receiving blankets; blankets may be purchased or homemade, all blankets must be NEW. Please return blankets to the receptacle in the **Mission Closet** next to Pastor Marg's office no later than August 29. Call Susan Petrey, 275-9258, for more information.

Around the World in 60 Minutes...or Less! Order your CD of this live recording of our June 5 concert featuring: Chelsea Buyalos, Soprano, LeeLee Hunter, Guitar and Melissa Adams. Cost of a CD is \$10 (S&H = \$1.75 if shipment is needed). The proceeds will offset expenses for their concert trip to Georgia this month and fund an after school program that is being put together for this fall. Please contact CUMC member, Chelsea Buyalos, if you would like to place an order. Visit www.chelseabuyalos.com for recent updates and ordering information!

UMW Reading Program: The purpose of the UMW Reading Program is to encourage United Methodist Women to expand understanding of and participation in God's mission; to increase sensitivity to all human beings—their needs, interest, and concerns; to encourage critical thinking about issues facing humanity today; to grow in understanding of Scripture as it relates to Christian faith in contemporary life; to enhance self-knowledge and to act from that knowledge; and to strengthen involvement in local and global Christian mission. Reading Program Forms are due in the UMW mailbox no later than **August 15**. Forms are available from your fellowship leader or by emailing rw.king1@verizon.net. Call Gail King, 796-1936, for more information.

AUGUST 8—MISSION SUNDAY

TAKING CHESTER CHURCH'S CARING INTO OUR COMMUNITY

You are invited to participate in an exciting mission outreach on Sunday, August 8 from 8:45 AM to 12 noon. This will be a vital and enriching experience for you and for all members of your family as we seek to really be Christ's church in our community.

Prayerfully study the mission project list below:

1. **Packing and delivering special items for CCHASM's local Food Pantries.** Coordinators are Kay Williams (748-3811) and Dixie Stone (748-4755).
2. **Sorting and boxing School Supplies for our local elementary schools.** Brenda McCormac (706-1107) is the project coordinator.
3. **Adopt a Highway Clean Up along Ecoff Road.** Dale Clark (768-8048) is the project leader.
4. **General repairs and yard work for needy homes in our community.** The coordinators are Bill Comer (796-2910) and Bruce and Donna Koch (768-1632).
5. **Landscaping at Pathways in Petersburg.** The coordinator is Debbie Yerby (920-2715), along with the Fresh Start Sunday School class.
6. **Visiting local Nursing Homes and sharing with the residents.** Amy Dodd (399-8680) is the ministry leader.
7. **Work on our Backpack Ministry.** Susan Dishman (748-2790) and Kris Spadaccia (748-5578) are the coordinators.
8. **Support for the Branches Ministry (in Florida City, Florida).** Leaders will be Carolyn Landis (796-1860), Victoria Martinko (748-0815), and Rita Stewart (748-6006).
9. **Providing Food for those in Need at Shady Grove (in cooperation with the Cornerstone Assembly of God Church).** We will prepare and /or purchase food that will be stored at Cornerstone for their feeding program which is held on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Julie Ferry (530-5009) is the coordinator.
10. **Coordinating Luncheon at 12:15 PM for the congregation and the mission participants in the Fellowship Hall.** Darlene Emerson (530-2517) will be the leader.

There is something for all ages! We are especially hoping that all of our children will be participating. Please fill out a **SIGN UP FORM** (on the back of this page or in the Atrium). Because of this unusual opportunity, there will be **no 8:45 AM Fresh Start** worship and **no Sunday school**. There will be 11 AM worship followed by a **Fellowship Covered Dish Luncheon for everyone** at 12:15 PM in the Davis Fellowship Hall. Food items may be dropped by the kitchen anytime after 8:30 AM on the morning of August 8.

LET'S NOT JUST TALK CHURCH, LET'S BE THE CHURCH! WE NEED YOU!

MISSION SUNDAY—AUGUST 8

SIGN UP FORM

Your form can be left in the special box at the Welcome Center or mailed to the church at 12131 Percival Street; Chester, VA 23831.

_____ I will participate on August 8 in the following Mission Outreach project:
(Fill in project name.)_____.

_____ I will make a monetary gift to help in the purchase of needed food items, school supplies, etc. (Checks should be made payable to Chester UMC and marked: "Mission Sunday.")

_____ I cannot be a mission participant on August 8 but I am willing to bring some of the needed articles for CCHASM, the Backpack Ministry and the School Supply Drive.

_____ I cannot attend on August 8 but I am willing to help in the following way(s):

Name (Please print.)_____

Telephone Number _____

**THANK YOU FOR BEING CHRIST'S CHURCH IN THE
CHESTER COMMUNITY!**