

# Mercy for Me and Justice for You

## Sermon Notes

Luke 15:1-34

These three parables are in response to Pharisees complaint that Jesus is eating with sinners and tax collectors.

In the parable of the Lost Sheep God is a \_\_\_\_\_.

In the parable of the Lost Coin God is a \_\_\_\_\_.

Compare verses 7 and 10

Verse 7

verse 10

heaven

angels of God

righteous person

no longer a concern

Pharisees lost their place entirely

need for repentance

joy or recovery

grudge of Pharisees

joy of God

The question these parables pose is this: Do we join in God's celebration of every lost soul found? This is not a call for sinners to repent but for the righteous to celebrate. In fact, whether we join the celebration reveals our relationship with God's grace.

The older brother in the parable of the Prodigal Son represents the Pharisees, he represents us. Our challenge is: will we share in God's mercy. Reality is this: if we want to be with God we must be people who celebrate the lost being found. To exclude ourselves from the party is to exclude ourselves from the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

Like the older son, you are left with a decision to make? Will you set aside your need for justice and follow the flow of God's mercy? It will lead you to a great party that is the Kingdom of God.



*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 8 -8:30 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.*

**SCRIPTURE** - Amos 5:21-24

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

Many thanks to Ed Garrett and Amy Dodd for organizing today's **Mission Sunday**

#### **Our projects include:**

- Packing and delivering special items for CCHASM's local Food Pantries
- Sorting and boxing School Supplies for local elementary schools.
- Adopt a Highway Clean Up along Ecoff Road
- General repairs and yard work for needy homes in our community.
- Landscaping at Pathways in Petersburg.
- Visiting local Nursing Homes and sharing with the residents
- Work on our Backpack Ministry
- Support for the Branches Ministry in Florida City, FL
- Feeding the Homeless (in cooperation with Cornerstone Assembly of God)
- Painting the CUMC Youth Cottage

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August 8, 2010

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
**11:00 AM**

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday**  
**after Pentecost**

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*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

*Here I Am, Lord*

Pianist

Call to Worship

We come from picking up litter on Ecoff Road.

**We come from Nursing Homes and Pathways.**

We come from sorting food and school supplies.

**Because we've got a story to tell – a story of truth, mercy, peace and light!**

\* Opening Hymn No. 569     *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

\* Opening Prayer

**Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward, except that of knowing that we do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* Welcome and Greeting

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Children's Message

Rev. Rita Stewart

Personal Sharing and Prayer

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-34

Sermon

“Mercy for Me and Justice for You”

Rev. Dr. Kutz

\* Affirmation of Faith

We are called to be the church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love  
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,  
to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.**

When that Kingdom comes there will be a party and everybody who loves  
Jesus will be there.

**We commit ourselves to celebrating God's mercy poured out upon all!**

Offering

Offertory Music

*There's A Wideness in God's Mercy*

Joshua Wortham

\* Doxology No. 95

Community Announcements

### **SENDING FORTH**

\* Closing Hymn No. 733

*Marching to Zion*

\* Benediction and Blessing

\* Choral Response

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

**You are invited** to lunch in the fellowship hall immediately following this service.

**The flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God in honor of Mission Sunday and all who have come out to give of their time for others.

### **Leading Our Worship TODAY:**

**Acolytes: 11:00** Emily and Caroline Johnson

**Greeters: 11:00** Shirley Blankenship, Pat Pospahala, Doris Hancock, Juanita Timmons

**6:00** Blanche Castelow

**Ushers: 11:00** Bill Nabors, Ernest Sanders, Ken Farmer, Dean Hutchins, Keith Boyd

**6:00** Bruce Costner

**Nursery: 8:45** Linda and Jim Willingham, Amy Gray, Bettina Hanky

**9:45** Rebecca Hodell

**11:00** Denise Blankenbecler, Lisa Munchel

**Welcome Center: 9:45** Debbie Yerby **11:00** Marian and Ed Garrett

## CALENDAR August 8 – 15, 2010

Today:           **Mission Sunday**  
                   8:30AM    Communion  
                   9:45 AM    Connections  
                   9:45 AM    Financial Peace U.  
                   11:00 AM   Traditional Worship  
                   12:00 N    Covered Dish Lunch  
                   6:00 PM    CrossRoads Service  
 Mon. – Thurs. Evenings: Boy & Girl Scouts  
 Monday:       9:00 AM - 4:00 pm HS Youth  
                                   Beach Trip  
                   6:00 PM    Pastor's Aid  
                   7:30 PM    SPRC  
 Tuesday:       10:00 AM   Prayer Group  
                   1:00 PM    Stephen Leaders  
                   6:30 PM    Financial Peace Univ  
                   6:30 PM    Trustees  
                   7:00 PM    Communications  
 Wednesday:   **9:00 AM    Bulletin Deadline**  
                   10:00 AM   Women's Faith F'ship  
                   1:30 PM    Prayer Shawl Ministry  
                   6:15 PM    **Half Time Gathering**  
                   7:30 PM    Finance Committee  
 Thursday:     12:30 PM   Empowerment Mtg.  
                   6:30 PM    Boy Scout Committee  
 Friday:  
 Saturday:     7:30 AM    Men's Prayer B'fast

Next Sunday:  8:30 AM   Light Breakfast  
                   8:45 AM    Fresh Start Service  
                   9:45 AM    Sunday Sch/Sm Grps  
                   9:45 AM    Financial Peace U  
                   9:45 AM    Connections  
                   11:00 AM   Traditional Service  
                   4:00 PM    Spiritual Growth  
                   6:00 PM    CrossRoads & Ice  
                                   Cream Social

### Music Schedule:

Tuesday:       6:30 PM    CrossRoads Band  
                   7:30 PM    Community Chorus  
 Thursday:     6:30 PM    Fresh Start Band



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Ministers  
 Pastor  
 Associate Pastor  
 Dir. Spiritual Formation  
 Middle School Youth Director  
 Music Director/Organist  
 Financial Administrator  
 Church Administrator  
 Secretary  
 Nursery School Director  
 Maintenance Coordinator  
 Nursery School Website

Every Member of the Congregation  
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**August 8, 2010**



**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 15: 1-34

**SERMON**

“Mercy for Me and Justice for You” – Rev. Dr. Kutz

**MUSIC**

Do Lord

Are You Washed in the Blood?

When We All Get to Heaven

We're Marching to Zion

Amazing Grace/Peaceful, Easy Feeling

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Sweeter As the Days Go By – CrossRoads Band

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**It's the Hazy, Lazy Days of Summer! Worship in the Cool of the Evening.—Join us for CrossRoads—Southern Gospel Worship for Today's Journey—**Every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. for Southern Gospel Hymns, Special Music from the CrossRoads Band, and the leadership of Associate Pastor Brandon Robbins.

- Summer Sermon Series— Throughout the summer we'll 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.

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**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:** We pray for the workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond: For owners and managers, for servant leadership, civic responsibility and ethical decision-making.

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

**Our EmPOWERment Seminar Series for Job-Seekers Ends in July!** 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](mailto:associate@chesterumc.org)).

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

**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](mailto: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.





Join us to learn more about the mission, vision, history and much more of Chester UMC. This is a 4 week series that began 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! TODAY meeting

in Davis Fellowship Hall at 12:15 for lunch with Pastor Marg.

## Children's Summer Reading Program

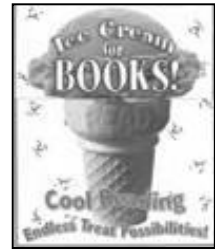
I scream! You scream! We all scream for books!

Sponsor: CUMC Library Committee

July 21- August 11

The purpose of the Summer Reading Program is to encourage children and families to read and grow together from the experience.

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.



Sponsors Thank You for your support ~ Readers we are very proud of you!

**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 **missions closet** next to Pastor Marg's office. Flip flops are due no later than, 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 collection box in the **missions closet** next to Pastor Marg's office no later than August 29. Call Susan Petrey, 275-9258, for more information.

**Let's end hunger!** Did you know that every year, we spend roughly 110 billion dollars on soft drinks. That same amount of money could end hunger in the US, end water and sanitation issues worldwide, and solve most of the world's education issues - and there would still be money left over. Therefore, Chester UMC's youth have issued a challenge to the congregation: for the month of August, don't drink soda (or another drink if you usually don't drink soda). Instead, every time you're tempted to purchase a soda, place that money in a cookie jar, a purse pocket, or some other place for safe keeping. Then, at the end of August, we will all bring our money in and use it to purchase food for our church's Backpack Ministry (a ministry that seeks to provide food for local children who go home to little or no food on the weekends). Together we can do this! Together we can come one step closer to ending hunger!

**Lost Boys** - The "boys" are preparing to go back to college for this fall. They have received all the financial help they could get from the government and the state. They still need our help with about \$1,500.00 To help them please write a check payable to CUMC and write Lost Boys tuition on the memo line. (You can use a Mission Possible envelope.) Thank you for your help.

**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.

**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.

**We send weekly "Honey Do"** lists via email to those interested in volunteering their time and talents in helping to maintain and beautify our church buildings. This weekly list allows interested volunteers the opportunity to review items needing to be done and then come in at a time that is convenient for them to complete one of the jobs. Our maintenance coordinator, Richard, will provide all supplies. If you would like to be on our "Honey Do" email list please sign-up on the activities sheet in the red pew folders or on the clip-boards.

**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](mailto:rw.king1@verizon.net). Call Gail King, 796-1936, for more information.

**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

**James Weldon Johnson's God's Trombones** presented by Jim Pettis Productions is coming to the Anderson-Turner Auditorium on the campus of Virginia State University on Sunday, August 22, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.!!! Admission is free!!! Seating is limited so get there early.

**Our Food Pantry** is in need of canned meat donations to help restock the shelves. Items needed are tuna, chicken, Spam, and ham. Donated items may be brought to the church and placed outside the food pantry door. A list of all items to stock the food pantry may be picked-up at the welcome center so you can have it handy for your next shopping trip.

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## **The Shepherd's Center of Chesterfield**



Cordially invites all adults over 50 to our  
Annual *Free* Ice Cream Social

Where: Chester Baptist Church "Great Hall"  
4317 School Street  
Chester, VA 23831

When: Tuesday, August 24th 5-7 pm

Save room for dessert! Come enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun and find out what's happening at the Shepherd's Center and what's coming up in the Fall for our **Adventures in Learning** lifelong education classes.

Don't miss a chance to meet new people and discover what many other older adults have: **You are never too old to learn or to help others in the community!**  
**Please RSVP to 706-6689 by August 20th**

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### Leading Our Worship **NEXT SUNDAY (August 15)**

**Acolytes: 11:00** Kathleen and Meghan Herrmann

**Greeters: 8:45** Mindy Kelley, Terry Dombrowski, Ivy Gilliam

**11:00** Barbara Yandle, Helen Jones, Hazel Miller, Ron Miller,  
Gerald Stewart      **6:00** Karen Comer

**Ushers: 8:45** Bruce Koch, Donna Koch, Bruce Costner

**11:00** Mike Anderson, Emory Large, Hunter Beazley, Blanche Castelow,  
Keith Boyd

**6:00** Gordon Morris

**Nursery: 8:45** Melissa Logsdon, Marci Logsdon, Lisa Zoller, Jenna Davis

**9:45** Susan DePhillip

**11:00** JoLynn Topping, William Topping

**Welcome Center: 9:45** Judy McGee    **11:00** Cindy Yuconis

# HALF TIME

This Wednesday is the last of our  
Mid-week gatherings for food, fellowship and fun

**Wednesday, August 11**

## **Biblical Costumes Program**

*(Pastor Marg...with an audience fashion design  
component)*

Join us from 6:15 PM- 7:30 PM;

Dress in Casual Attire

Prepared Meal at a Minimal Charge

(Adults \$5; Children \$3; Maximum \$20 per family)

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