

Chester Bethel UMC

July 12, 2026

9:30 AM

Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:

Organist: Carmella Lynch
Bell Choir Director: Pam Manocchio
Preacher: Rev. Kelly Conner
Special Music: Shannon O'Connell
Greeter: Barbara Coulbourn
Usher: Laura White
Worship Leader: Rich Kuc

*Flowers are dedicated in loving memory
of my granddaughter, Serenity
by Jenn Logue*

Prayer Joys and Concerns:

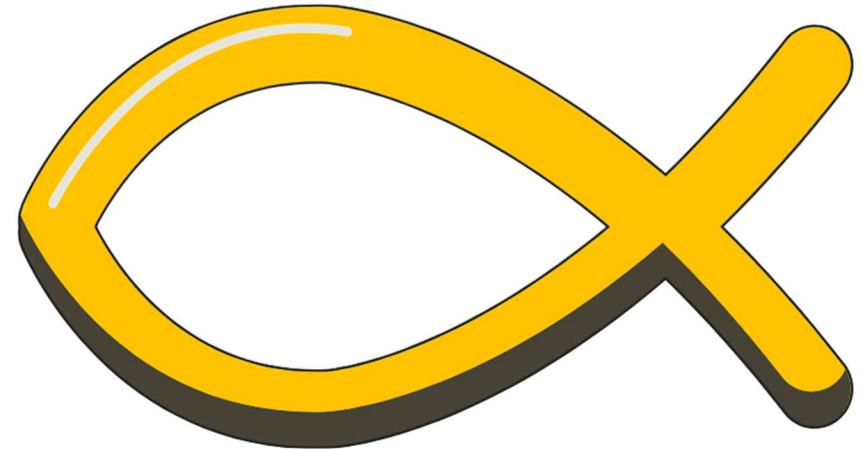
H=Health; L=Loss; LT=Long Term; O=Other

Sam (H); Carmen Staino (H); Jay (O); Ed West (H); Nicole; Lorraine MacMillan (H); David D. (H); Dom D.(H); Millie Burke (H); Janet Canavan (H); Keith Saulsbury (H); Steve Schellberg (H); Donna (H); Joseph Glasgow (H); Bill Hazel (H); Linda Lyons (H); Andrew R.(O); Bill and Doreen Jones (H); Mary Ann Box (H); Ramona Harlow (LT); Holly Dorner (H); Donna McCormick (H); DeBrock Family (O); Kim Nally; Gail Kracyla (H); Dominic King (LT); Jill Brownback (LT); Nancy Walker (LT); MaryAnn Rumford (LT); Rick Browne (LT); all peoples impacted by war (LT)

Please add prayer requests and updates to the list in the Narthex

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Thank you!



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Announcements

- **New Project:**
We're collecting NEW underwear for men, women, and children. This includes briefs, T-shirts, bras, shower shoes, and socks. Please put donations in the baskets and Polly will deliver them to the Sunday Breakfast Mission. Thank you for your continued support of Missions and don't forget Food donations too!
- Mission contributions July – Dec, 2026 will be to Camp Pecometh, Sojourner's Place, and Good Samaritan Fund.
- Uncover the hidden gems of Scripture with this eight-week sermon series. Titled "**Uncharted: Stories They Don't Tell You in Sunday School,**" this series highlights how God uses unexpected people, strange circumstances, and little-known heroes to accomplish God's greatest plans.
- We now accept online donations! Links are in the bulletin and online.

Dates To Remember

July 22 – Trustees Meeting at 6 pm
Aug 4 – SPRC meeting at 3:30 pm
Sept 6 – Missions Meeting after church
Sept 9 – TBD - 1st Single Board Meeting at 6 pm
Sept 15,17 – Fall Bible Study begins Tues evenings and Thursday mornings

July 12, 2026 9:30 AM
7th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 32:6-9)

Leader: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

People: **Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you, our God!**

Leader: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;

People: **you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

Leader: You instruct us not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near.

All: **For steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

*OPENING HYMN – “Gather Us In” TFWS #2236

OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.¹

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to

¹ The Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer*.

judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,² the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. Amen.³

OLD TESTAMENT READING Numbers 22:7-35

NEW TESTAMENT READING James 1:19-25

SERMON “Uncharted”: Balaam and the Talking Donkey

SPECIAL MUSIC

*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Precious Lord” UMH #474

THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You may place your cash or check offering into the plates we pass around at this time or mail your tithes and offerings to the church office. Thank you for working as Christ’s hands and feet in the world!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #94

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

*CLOSING HYMN – “Christ Beside Me”

TFWS #2166

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* *Rising in body or in spirit*

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²“Catholic” in this instance means “universal.”

³<https://www.caldwellpresby.org/docs/resources/Prayers%20for%20Illumination.pdf>