

The Heavenly Herald

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

It is a matter of life and death. It is a matter of the old and the new. I am referring to the resurrection. Yes, resurrection is about life. It is about what will happen to our mortal bodies after they succumb to the lifelessness of death. I am looking forward to the reality stated in the Apostolic Creed, "the resurrection from the dead." I am looking forward to that time when God will raise me from the dead and fashion my body to be like Christ's glorious body. (Philippians 3:21) And I am convinced that when that time comes it will be the most wonderful and awesome moment in time, if there is any time at all. It will be so spectacular and astonishing that there is nothing in this world that can be compared to it. All that I can tell you is that you have nothing to fear and everything to hope for as God will change your life in the twinkling of an eye so that you will experience something new.

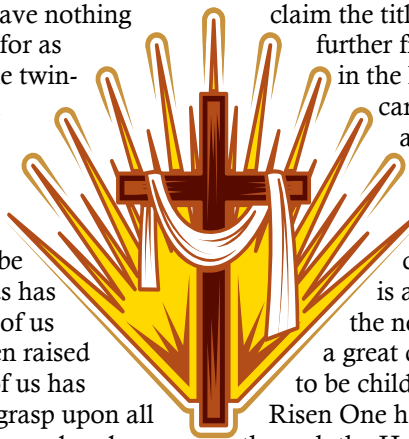
Now, how do I know this to be true? How can any of us know what I am describing to be real? It is true because one of us has experienced resurrection. One of us was dead, but his body has been raised to a most glorious sight. One of us has exposed sins awful and brutal grasp upon all of humanity and now he is alive and no longer cursed with the load of sin. He stands the victor over death and the grave and is raised. Christ Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! He is our life! He is our hope! His death upon a cross was real; his suffering genuine and actual. All the realities of sin and death were inflicted upon him with wounds revealing not their power over him, but the power of his love for us all. Indeed, God so loved the world!

It was a matter of death. Some people have trouble believing that one person could die for all the

sin of our world for all time. It is a lot to take in. It can seem almost mythological and for some that is what it is. But if it is real, if it is to be believed then the news of Jesus' death and resurrection is nothing but good news. If it is real we of all people have so much to hope for. We have a future that looks great even if the present seems tragic or dreadful or overwhelming.

Today we place so much stock in people who shall lead our nation. Today, we feel that our future is in the hands of present justices and legislators as if they are the ones who shall decide our fate. The reality is that for all who claim the title Christian nothing could be further from the truth. Our future is in the hands of the one who really cares about our well-being., and our present observed by the one who thought that we were worth dying for. Our hope is shaped by and anchored in his life so that there is always reason to wake up to the next day. The Risen One has a great deal in store for us as we live to be children of his kingdom. The Risen One has extended his life to us through the Holy Spirit so that each day we are raised anew to face the day with life, a godly life. The Risen One assures us that the resurrection will happen to us as well and so death is not to be feared, but it is to be confronted, confronted by the life the world around us longs to have and needs to embrace. And so we live the life of the Resurrected One as best we can. We bring his life, our life, to our communities and our homes hoping to restore them and to renew them.

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Daylight Savings Time Begins

Daylight Saving Time (United States) begins **Sunday, March 13, 2016.**
 Move your clocks **ahead** 1 hour so you are not late for Church!

COME WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday Worship Services:
8:00 am & 10:30 am
(Nursery Care Available - 10:30 am)

Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes:
9:10 am

Summer Worship Service:
9:00 am
(Fathers Day to Labor Day)



NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Greetings All,

The first Voters meeting of 2016 was conducted on Sunday, Feb 7th following the late service and was both well attended and productive. We easily met the quorum requirement with standing room only in the CLC library – thank you to all for making such a great effort to attend this important meeting! We were also pleased to welcome a couple new perspective voters.

After some brief discussion, a motion was made and unanimously passed authorizing the construction of a Columbarium and Memorial Garden on CLC’s grounds. A motion was also passed authorizing an amendment to the CLC Constitution and Bylaws to include the newly created Columbarium and Memorial Garden Bylaws. This is exciting news and much more information will be provided as it becomes available. Copies of the amendment are available in the CLC office.

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Special thanks to all the members of the Columbarium Committee for giving so much of their time and talents to bring to fruition something that will surely become a lasting treasure for all CLC members to cherish! From the initial idea of constructing a CLC Columbarium and Memorial Garden, through the process of gaining authorization from the Voters Assembly, it is obvious that a tremendous amount of behind the scenes work took place. Everything from the initial survey gaging interest, the informational meetings, creation of the proposed bylaws, proposed design, meetings with town officials...THANK YOU!!

This year CLC will celebrate its 60th anniversary and I am sure we will find an exciting and appropriate way to mark this very significant milestone – more to come.

Our next council meeting will be March 8th at 7:00pm in the CLC library.

Yours in Christ,
Jeff

Jeffrey A. Mann
Parish President, CLC

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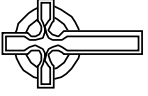
Yes, as I stated at the beginning, it is a matter of life and death. Which of the two we choose to offer to our families and communities will depend upon whether one believes in the resurrection or not.

We will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord on Sunday, March 27th at 8am, 9:45am and 11am. Holy Week will begin on the Sunday before, (Passion Sunday or Palm Sunday), with regular service times of 8am and 10:30am. The week will continue with worship services, one service on both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, beginning at 7:30pm each evening.

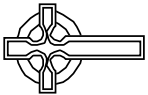
Remember, it is a matter of life and death so come and join us with your family and friends and rejoice with us as we worship the God who has brought us from death unto life.

A Blessed Easter to All!!!
Pastor Gustafson

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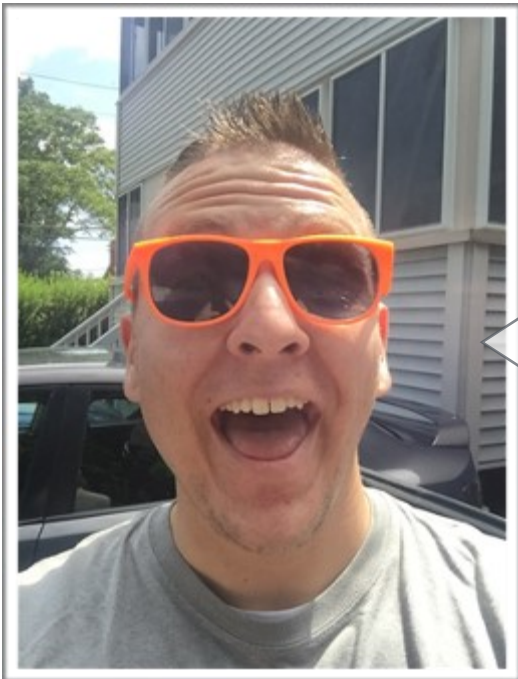


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March

March Servants



Come to youth group! Listed below are all of the important youth group dates from now until the summer time. Mark these down on your calendar so you won't forget and if you ever have questions feel free to ask!

Peanut Butter and Jelly Service Projects

(always the first Sunday of the month after the late service!)

- March 6th**
- April 3rd**
- May 1st**
- June 5th**



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CrossRoads (Senior High)

- March: 6th @ 7pm to 8:30pm
- 13th @ 1pm to 4pm (trip to Jordan's Furniture)
Meet at CLC at 1pm, back by 4pm
- April: 10th @ 7pm to 8:30pm
- 24th @ 7pm to 8:30pm
- May: 21st @ 1pm to 4pm (Hike at Sleeping Giant)
Meet at CLC at 1pm, back by 4pm
- 22nd @ 12pm to 1:30pm
- June: 18th @ 4pm to 6pm (BBQ/ Potluck)
Please bring a side dish for this event as burgers and hot dogs will be provided.

High Impact (Junior High)

- March: 1st @ 7:10pm to 8:30pm
- 15th @ 7:10pm to 8:30pm
- 30th @ 7:10pm to 8:30pm
- April: 13th @ 7:10pm to 8:30pm
- 27th @ 7:10pm to 8:30pm
- May: 11th @ 7:10pm to 8:30pm
- 21st @ 1pm to 4pm (Hike at Sleeping Giant)
Meet at CLC at 1pm, back by 4pm
- 25th @ 7:10pm to 8:30pm
- June: 18th @ 4pm to 6pm (BBQ/ Potluck)
Please bring a side dish for this event as burgers and hot dogs will be provided.

Dates and times are subject to change. Additional dates may also be added.



NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

I would like to report that we had an excellent meeting of the Evangelism Committee on February 18th. We will be ordering new cards to be sent to visitors. The cards show our appreciation for worshipping with us and they include the sentiment that our service was enhanced by having them with us. We will also be using new visitor cards that will be available in the pews. I believe that this will make it easier for people to give us information about themselves and they can use the cards to request specific concerns.

We are considering a Health Fair in the fall to invite the community to our church to help them with various health issues. We will be having another meeting in April and I invite everyone to attend.

John Balash - Evangelism Deacon.

LENTEN SOUP AND SALAD SUPPERS...



On Wednesdays at 6:00 pm through March 16th, please attend our soup, salad, and Bible study. We invite all to join us and encourage you to invite friends or neighbors to attend these evening gatherings. The meals are followed by Bible study and conclude with our 7:30 pm Lenten Service in the church.

Our hope and desire is that you will take the time to worship and to join us during this time of Lenten meditation and discipline. The sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board for those who want to attend, prepare the delicious soups or help in the set up or cleanup. It is a great way to prepare for the Lenten season.

If you have any questions contact Karen Weiland at 203-250-1574



CLC CLEAN UP...

The season of Lent is upon us and with that is the annual church cleaning. The inside cleaning of the church building will be held on Saturday, March 19. Please join in helping us getting our house ready for our Easter Celebration. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. The cleaning of our outside grounds will be determined at a later date.

CLC CHOIR NEWS...

All Choirs rehearse on Wednesday evenings as follows:

6:30 PM – Youth Choir

7:15 PM – Adult Bell Choir

8:00 PM – Parish Choir

The Parish Choir sings on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays and the Youth Choir performs on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month. Both Choirs usually sing at the 10:30 but sometimes are asked (mostly Parish) to sing at the 8:00 service as well.

The Bell Choir will perform on special occasions 5-7 times throughout the year.

Each choir is praying for new members. Please consider joining, you will be happy you did! No



WEATHER AND WORSHIP...

Who knows what kind of winter we will have this year! To find out when worship services have been cancelled due to weather conditions, check TV channels, WTNH channel 8 or MyTV 9, WFSB channel 3 and on the radio, WTIC 1080 AM. All these stations have websites that list weather closings too! A mass e-mail will also be sent. If you would like to be included on our mass e-mail please let the church office know.

Stay warm!

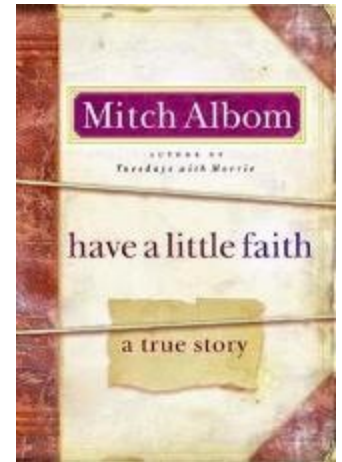


CLC ANNUAL WOMEN’S RETREAT 2016...

Our 9th Annual CLCW Retreat will be held on Saturday April 30th at the Guest House and Conference Center in Chester, CT. The book we will be reading this year is *Have a Little Faith*, by Mitch Albom. What if our beliefs were not what divided us, but what pulled us together. In *Have a Little Faith*, Mitch Albom offers a beautifully written story of a remarkable eight-year journey between two worlds--two men, two faiths, two communities--that will inspire readers everywhere. Please plan on joining us in April for an inspiring day with the women of CLC. A sign -up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board at the beginning of March.

A copy of the book can be found on the counter near the church office. You will find an index card enclosed in the book. If you want to borrow it, kindly put your name on the card and place it in my blue folder which is located outside the church office window. Please call me if you have any questions.

Vicki DePaolo - 203-697-0810



CANS AND BOTTLES—BOTTLES AND CANS...

Save your returnable Bottle and Cans. Money raised will benefit Little Cherubs. A collection box is located in the storage closet towards the back of the Fellowship Hall.



THE DISCRETIONARY FUND...

This is a vehicle through which member can help those who are in need and by which member in need can find help. For assistance or to make a donation, please see Pastor G. All transactions are kept *confidential*.



JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES!

All are invited to worship with us during Holy week and the Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday.

The schedule for the services of that week is:

Passion (Palm) Sunday	8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Maundy Thursday Eucharist	7:30 PM
Good Friday Tenebrae	7:30 PM
Easter - The Resurrection of Our Lord Eucharist	8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Easter Children’s Service	9:45 AM



CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
March 2 - Wednesday 3rd Wednesday in Lent <i>Midweek Lenten Service</i>	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Soloist
	7:30 PM	Performance	Soloist
	After Service	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
March 3 - Thursday	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
March 6 - Sunday 4th Sunday in Lent	10:05 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
March 9 - Wednesday 4th Wednesday in Lent <i>Midweek Lenten Service</i>	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Parish Choir
	After Service	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
March 10 - Thursday	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
March 13 - Sunday 5th Sunday in Lent	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Youth Choir
March 16 - Wednesday 5th Wednesday in Lent <i>Midweek Lenten Service</i>	6:30PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Bell Choir
March 17 - Thursday	7:30 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
March 20 - Sunday Palm Sunday	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Sunday School and Parish Choir
March 23 - Wednesday	6:30 PM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir
	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir, Instruments & Parish Choir
March 24 - Thursday Maundy Thursday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir - Select Group
	7:30 PM	Performance	Parish Choir - Select Group
March 25 - Friday Good Friday	7:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	7:30 PM	Performance	Parish Choir & Soloist
March 27 - Sunday Easter Sunday	7:20 AM	Rehearsal	Parish, Bell Choirs and Instruments
	8:00 AM	Performance	Parish, Bell Choirs and Instruments
	9:10 AM	Rehearsal	Youth Choir & Sunday School Children
	9:45 AM	Performance	Youth Choir & Sunday School Children
	11:00 AM	Performance	Parish, Bell Choirs and Instruments
March 30 - Wednesday	No Choir Rehearsals!!!		
April 3 - Sunday	10:10 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir



SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANCE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED ...

A hearing assistance system (Williams Sound Corporation) and four receivers have been donated to CLC. A receiver (hearing aid) may be obtained from any usher. Please feel free to ask for one and make sure you return to an usher at the end of the service so it can be returned to its proper storage place for use at another time.

ON THE BULLETIN BOARD:

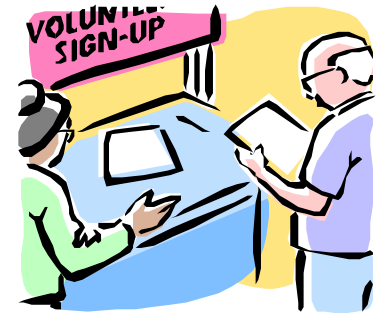
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Remember to check the Bulletin Boards and/or hallway table for sign-up sheets and information about various events!

This month on the Bulletin Board:

- † CLC Little Blessings Nursery Needs Volunteers
- † Israel Trip 2016
- † Indoor Cleanup Signups
- † Cheshire Food Drive Volunteer info. and sign-ups
- † Sunday Morning Readers signup
- † Hope Center 2016 volunteer sign-up
- † Lenten Soup and Salad Sign-Ups
- † Sunday Morning Coffee Hour signup



Others looking for help!

- † Fellowship Deacon needs volunteers to help make the events happen. Contact Karen Weiland if you can help in any capacity. 203-250-1574 or email kweiland3@sbcglobal.net
- † Helping Hands - Needs Chairperson and volunteers. Contact the Church Office if you can help.
- † All Choirs rehearse on Wednesday evenings are as follows:
 - 6:30 PM – Youth Choir
 - 7:15 PM – Adult Bell Choir
 - 8:00 PM – Parish Choir

Now is the time to sign up to join the Parish Choir for Adults or the Youth Choir for Children. Previous singing in Choirs is not required, only a love of music and a desire to contribute to our worship on Sundays. Speak to Martha Medford or any current member of the choirs for Questions.

- † Sunday School Teachers Needed—Prayerfully consider serving our congregations children by volunteering to Teach them a few Sunday mornings during the year. See Carlene Myers or Andy.



THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

A monthly glimpse of the history of your Cheshire Lutheran Church:

March 30, 1958	Congregation chartered on Palm Sunday, with 71 communicants received as charter members
March 1960	The Rev. Darrel Geitz released to accept call to Our Savior and Messiah Lutheran Church in Evansville, Indiana
March 1979	Church Fellowship Hall and Sunday School rooms construction commenced



CLC HELPING HANDS...

The Helping Hands committee is looking for a new Chairperson and others to help coordinate. Kindly consider this wonderful opportunity. Contact the church office if you are interested.

If you are in need of help please call on our Helping Hands committee. Please call the church office and arrangements will be made for meals to be made and delivered to you by our committee.

Whether this need is the result of a hospital stay, a new baby arrival, or a recent loss of a loved one, we want to support you during your critical time.

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. -- Galatians 6:10



NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

We at Little Cherubs continue to teach the Children about our Lord. We have been busy talking about Lent, Jesus Feeding the 5000 when they only had 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread and Zacchaeus.



Both Pastor and Andy have been visiting the Preschool singing songs and going over lessons that we have been teaching.

In the beginning of February we taught lessons on what Ground Hog Day is all about. Valentine's Day – We talked about being kind, having good friends. We made our Valentine Holder. The children laced the edges and decorated however they liked. Valentine's Day was special because we celebrated Ava's Birthday. Snacks were supplied and cards were handed out.

President's day we were off on brake but that did not stop us from talking about Presidents Lincoln and Washington. The children learned about the Penny, the Quarter and the Dollar Bill and whose face was on each of these. Also who was the first and sixteenth President of the United States.

We completed the Senses with Sense of Touch and Smell.

We are looking forward to Spring.

Happy Spring!
Miss Joann and Miss Martha



NEED TO GET INFORMATION TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION?

Just slip your information or a note into one of the folders on the hallway table outside the church office. Folders have been created for each of the council members, Beth Soulier (the editor of this newsletter) and a few others and placed outside the office. We have found that this is a great way to distribute information within the congregation.



Our Sincere Appreciation

† Many thanks to the "Thursday Afternoon Ladies" for assembling the February Heavenly Herald! HUGS!



SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

Sunday morning coffee hour volunteers needed! In an effort to keep this much anticipated fellowship going, we need volunteers. Can you help set up coffee a few Sunday's during the year? Purchase or make baked goods to be served? Baked goods may be brought in at any time and placed in the freezer so we have something to serve every Sunday. Kindly sign-up on the Bulletin board and if you have questions you can contact the office. Thank you!

EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST IS BACK...

To all members, friends and visitors: This Easter the church will hold a Continental Breakfast between the first and last service of Easter morning. We are hoping that many people will join us for breakfast and for the opportunity of fellowship the time offers. Some of the items that will be available are: Coffee, Tea, Juices, Bagels, Toast, Fruit and Cereals. We need your help with clean up as well.

If you would like to contribute a breakfast item it would be greatly appreciated. Some of the items you could bring that morning could include baked goods, fruit, fruit salad, quiches and egg casseroles. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the Bulletin Board for attendees and food items. Please let us know if you are coming and how many so we can plan. Please consider contributing one or more of these items to help make this breakfast fellowship a success.

Questions? Contact Karen Weiland



HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER...

Volunteers to deliver baby items to Hope Pregnancy Center, located next to the Library in Cheshire, are needed. If you would like to help once or twice a year, please sign up on the bulletin board.

We have re-directed the donated baby items which are collected in the bassinet outside the church office. For years we have been donating them to "Baskets of Love" where women of the Waterbury Church of Christ used them to make baskets which are distributed to new mothers in Waterbury Hospital, Bristol Hospital and New Beginnings in Waterbury. We would like to now donate these items to the local organization "Hope for Life", d.b.a. Hope Pregnancy Center. They are located at 110 Main Street, Cheshire in a facility provided by Christ Community Church. They will gratefully accept infant clothing and unused nursery equipment. For further information, see the poster hung above the bassinet.

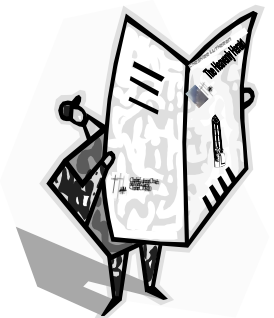


PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!!

(April 2016 Articles are Due!)

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by **Friday March 18th** or earlier! Place all non-electronic articles and information you would like printed into the HH in Beth's lateral file folder on the hallway table.

Thank You!



GREETING CARD FUNDRAISER!

(A project of the Thursday Ladies Group)

New cards continue to be added to the display case. All cards sell for \$1.00 and monies can be left in the yellow box attached to the rack.

The ladies thank the congregation for their generous support and hope to continue their record of giving to various church ministries.

We thank all for their support and especially thank those who leave large bills in the box.

Contact Persons; Rita Stark (272-3488) and Carolyn Bammann (272-7083).



THRIVENT CONGREGATIONAL ADVOCATE UPDATE...



Through the Thrivent Choice Dollar Program, eligible Thrivent members are designated charitable grant funds which they can direct among thousands of nonprofit organizations, including congregations. In 2015 Cheshire Lutheran Church received \$5,180.00 in Choice Dollar allocations. A tremendous thank you goes out to all Thrivent members who generously directed their Choice Dollars to our congregation.

Thrivent members who have been designated Choice Dollars have until **March 31, 2016** to direct any remaining 2015 Choice Dollars to support organizations. After this date, any undirected Choice Dollars will expire. To direct Choice Dollars, call 1-800-THRIVENT and state "Thrivent Choice" or log on to www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice. The Choice Dollar Program will remain unchanged for 2016.



Thrivent has introduced the concept of **Action Teams** which gives members the ability to become personally involved in meeting a need in the community. Members can lead a team in a one-time fundraiser, service activity or educational event while Thrivent provides \$250.00 to start the activity. For further details on this new program, or to find out how to become a Thrivent member, please contact either Alan Spose (203-623-1650) or Mark Manning (203-241-0858).

Once again, thank you to all Thrivent members who participate in these programs.



CHILI COOK-OFF THANK YOU AND RESULTS!...

Many thanks to those that came out to support the chili cook off on February 28th!

The youth group going to the National Youth Gathering this summer raised over \$600 towards the trip. It was with your help we were able to succeed in raising those funds! Of course, we cannot also forget the volunteers that helped put this event together including our youth and parents but most importantly Rita and Joe Stark that acquired an Action Team starter from Thrivent. The \$250 gift card helped supply everything at the chili cook off with exception to the awesome chili's provided by some amazing CLC chefs.

Thank you again to all that made this event possible!



See more pictures from the event on page 15.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR MARCH 2016...

March 6: Jesus Tells the Parable of the Lost Son

We live in a world that is not so full of grace. When people commit crimes or make mistakes, we expect them to reap consequences. Forgiveness doesn't always come easily. We might find it hard to believe that through our faith in Jesus, God has totally freed us from our sins. Many Christians still stumble under the weight of past guilt and shame. But on the cross, Jesus said, "It is finished." He finished the work of providing salvation to all who believe in him. There's nothing we can do to earn our forgiveness.

Bible Point: God will forgive us when we sin.

Key Verse: Nehemiah 9:17

March 13: Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

Serving is a difficult issue for many people. They know service is an essential part of the Christian belief system, but they live busy lives with schedules that demand constant revision and attention. In short, serving isn't easy.

Bible Point: Jesus wants us to serve others.

Key Verse: Mark 9:35

March 20: Jesus Is Tried and Crucified

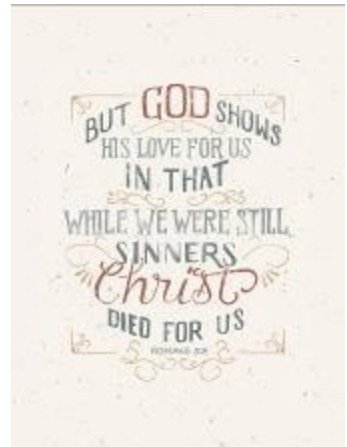
People who wrestle with the question of what Jesus did for us land in one of two camps. In the first camp, people claim, "I'm not a bad person; Jesus didn't have to die for me." In the other, people cry, "I'm so much of a sinner—I don't deserve this gift!" Both responses illustrate an incomplete understanding of what Jesus did on the cross.

Bible Point: Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins.

Key Verse: Romans 5:8

March 27: EASTER SUNDAY

No Sunday School!



BEGINNING AND ENDING IN WORSHIP

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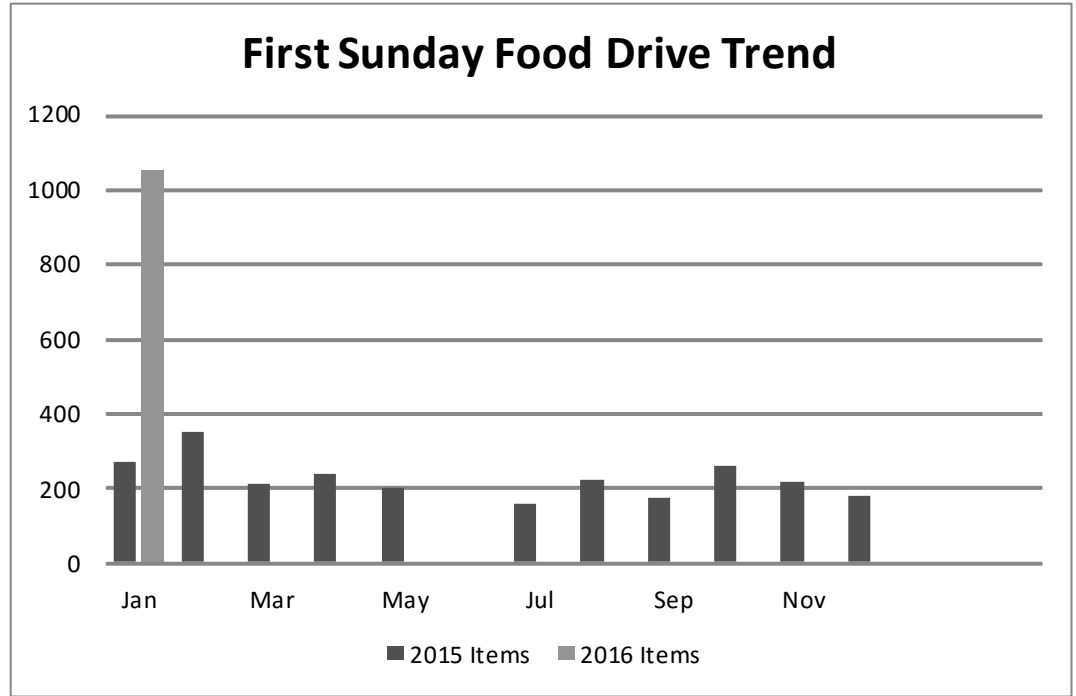
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DONATE YOUR FREEBIES!

If you happen to spot an item at the grocery store selling at a special price “buy one-get one free”, purchase it and donate the free item to First Sunday Food Drive

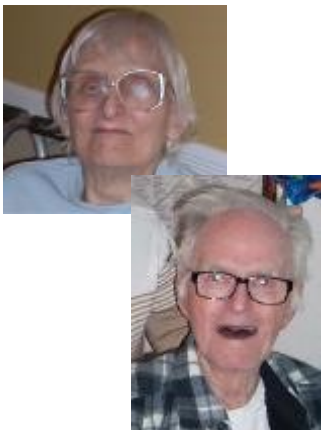


“Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’” John 21:15b

LET'S NOT FORGET THOSE LESS FORTUNATE...

Don't let our First Sunday Food Bank donations fall behind last year's totals. We are in need of volunteers for 2015. Please note that the Cheshire Community Food Pantry is open Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9:00 am until noon and Tues. & Thurs. from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Please check expiration dates. We want to insure the food we are sending is not out of date. Any and all contributions are gratefully accepted, including non-food items such as soap, tooth paste, shampoo, detergent, paper products etc.



REMEMBER OUR CHERISHED CONGREGANTS!...

There are members of our congregation who are unable to attend weekly worship. You can help them to know they are a part of our fellowship by stopping by, sending a card or making a phone call.

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 c/o Cheshire Regional Rehab Center
 745 Highland Avenue
 Cheshire, CT 06410

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Chili Cook-Off Memories



Our Judges, Paul Fiedler, Pastor and Bill Soulier...tough job!!!



Our Chili makers, from left Guy Mason, Vanessa Nowak, Andy Schaefer, Karen Bailey, Lynn Balash, Erich Strunk, Karen Weiland, Wendy Emerick and Beth Soulier. YUMO!!!!



Our Winners are: Guy Mason, Judges Choice, shown with Judge Paul; & Beth Soulier, Peoples Choice shown with Andy. Congrats!



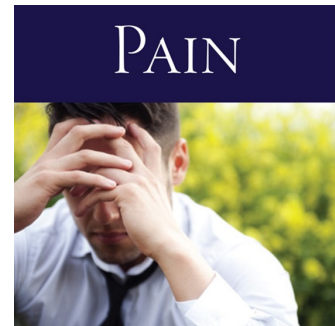
VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE...



When you get a chance, visit our new website. Thanks to Steve Ferro's hard work our new Website was launched last month. It has a sleeker look and much easier to find what you are looking for. You can find the latest news and information, see the great pictures our Church photographer takes regularly and even view the Heavenly Herald in full color.



Living Lent
As People of the Resurrection



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Welcome to Week Four in the Living Lent series, based on the word PRAISE. We are reminded today that even in the midst of sorrow, we are called to celebrate the love of God and the joy that can be found only in Christ crucified, who reigns in glory now. May this service's readings from Scripture, sermon and hymns all serve to help you to remember that we are people of the resurrection living in Lent.

Welcome to Week Five in the Living Lent series, based on the word PAIN. We are reminded today that the pain of rejection and the pain of a father when a son leaves demonstrate the reckless love of God revealed in Jesus, who wipes every tear from our eyes. May this service's readings from Scripture, sermon and hymns all serve to help you to remember that we are people of the resurrection living in Lent.

Join us on Wednesday evening!
We begin at 6:00 p.m. with food, fellowship and Bible Study
We worship at 7:30 p.m.

Bible Studies at CLC

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...

Will continue each Sunday Morning during the Sunday School hour, 9:10 to 10:10 each week.



TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY...

The Tuesday evening Bible Study will be taking a hiatus during Lent. Join us each week on Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM again after Easter.

CALLING ALL MEN...

Have you been searching for an opportunity to deepen your faith in God and strengthen your relationship with fellow Christians? Join us for an hour of Bible study, fellowship and prayer once a month. We normally meet at 7:30am and finish promptly at 8:30am the third Thursday of every month.

Plan on joining us!



THURSDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUP...

OUR CLC ADULT STUDY GROUP continues meeting every Thursday from 8:30AM to 9:30AM here in our church library (except the third Thursday). We'll be continuing our study of Christian Church history, with sessions on March 3rd, 10th, and 31st. If your schedule permits and you're still interested in learning, you're cordially invited to join us.

Thank you.

Pastor Nuechterlein



FINANCIAL SECRETARY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU...

The Financial Secretary is always in need of volunteers to aid in counting church offerings after the 9:00 AM Sunday services. If you are available 4 - 6 times per year for approximately one hour, please contact Bill Soulier!



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

March 2016

3rd	Al & Dot Manke	65 Years
19th	Paul & Trish Greenhalgh	33 Years
20th	Joe & Joann Holstein	22 Years
21st	Philip & Leigh Giampietro	35 Years



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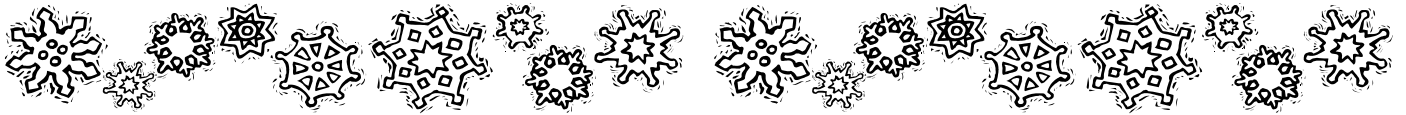
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- Julianna Ball
- Mark Sims
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- Melissa Veleber
- Eva Schrumm
- Hannah Kjeldsen
- Conner DeLaubell
- Cailynn Harding
- Luke Hays
- Martha Medford
- John McBain
- Ethel Daly
- Phil Giampietro
- Julia Schaff
- Frances Davis
- Robert Davis
- William Pinto
- Laura Gustafson
- Carl Bernhardt
- Walter Gancarz
- Robert Lamb
- Sandra Gayda
- Guy Mason
- Mary Lou Aston
- Alex Nizich
- Rita Stark

Please join us for worship on Wednesday evenings *starting at* 7:30 during Lent.

Also, before the Service each week at 6:00 PM, join us for a very special Bible Study. During the Bible Study we share a wonderful soup and salad dinner.

COUNCIL MEETING REMINDER

Mark your calendars, Council will meet on Tuesday March 8 at 7:00 p.m.



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