

The Heavenly Herald

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PASTOR’S MESSAGE

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel. You shall say to them, ‘The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.’ So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.” Numbers 6:22-27 (ESV)

With the passing of Christmas Day, the thoughts of many turn once again to New Year’s Eve with its resolutions, parties, champagne toasts, and the dropping of the ball in Times’ Square in Manhattan (notwithstanding, of course, the impacts that the Covid-19 pandemic may have on people’s plans). Of all the things that come to mind when one ponders the start of the new year, one that does not occur to most of us are the words of the Aaronic blessing found in chapter six of Numbers – you know, the blessing that is used at the end of most of our worship services. We do not usually associate “The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.” with the start of the new year, yet not only are those words appropriate, they are actually appointed for the day.

You see, while the secular world celebrates the start of a new year on January 1, the Christian Church marks the day as the Feast of the Circumcision and the Name of Jesus. We observe those occasions on that day because Luke’s Gospel tells us the baby Jesus was circumcised and formally named on the eighth day after His birth, all in accordance with the covenant that God made with Abraham back in Genesis. By His circumcision, Jesus was officially made a part of God’s chosen people and incorporated into the children of Abraham; He became an heir with His kinsmen of all the blessings that God promised to bestow on Abraham and His descendants, blessings later

summarized by the Aaronic blessing.

In recognition of all this, the passage from Numbers 6 is the appointed reading from the Old Testament for January 1; however, it’s not just the passage’s place in our lectionary that makes it so appropriate for us as we begin this new year. These words proclaim and promise God’s blessings upon His people – all of His people – from Abraham to Christ, and eventually to you and me. They speak of the blessings that God has given richly to each and every one of us during this past year, and they reassure us of all that He will continue to do for us and for His Church in the year ahead.

Even though 2021 was not the year that any of us hoped that it would be when it began twelve months ago, it was still a year rich with God’s blessings. I know that it was also a year that brought sadness and loss to many, but God was still so very good to all of us. His goodness may be harder to perceive due to things like the continued presence of the Covid-19 pandemic, but they were still there. And God will continue to pour His blessings out upon you and me in the year that has just begun. 2022 will be another year in which God bestows His good gifts on all of us in abundance, even if Covid still isn’t gone yet or other troubles come our way.

We speak these words from Numbers 6 at the end of nearly every service because they are God’s Word of blessing upon His chosen people – that means you and me and every baptized Christian. They are His promise to each of us that He is there with us, to protect us and provide for us throughout our lives. As we begin this new year, we do so with the reassurance that God will continue to bless us richly in the months and years ahead, just as He has done throughout our lives and to this

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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)



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NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Greetings All,

As we ring in the new year, please welcome the Church Council ready to serve beginning in 2022:

- ✠ President – Jeff Mann (new)
- ✠ Vice President – Bill Soulier
- ✠ Recording Secretary – Vicki DePaolo (new)
- ✠ Financial Secretary – Alan Santoro (new)
- ✠ Treasurer – Bill Sherman
- ✠ House and Grounds Deacon – Todd Plantier (new)
- ✠ Stewardship Deacon – Rob DeLaubell
- ✠ Worship Deacon – Tim Weiland
- ✠ Evangelist Deacon – Marilyn Miller
- ✠ Christian Growth Fund Deacon – David Schrumm
- ✠ Fellowship Deacon – Pam Clark
- ✠ Social Welfare Deacon – Nancy Engelhardt (new)
- ✠ Youth Deacon – Lisa Muller



As you ponder 'new year resolutions', I encourage you to be aware of opportunities to tell a friend or acquaintance about CLC and invite that person to join us for a worship service, Bible study, special event, or a tour of our Little Cherubs preschool.

Three years have quickly passed since I began serving as President of our congregation. So at this point, I'd like to extend my "Thank You"s to Terri Daly, Guy Mason, and Andy Clark for their years of faithful service as Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, and House and Grounds Deacon respectively on our Church Council; and to the many Council and Voters Assembly members who have given their time to carry out their areas of ministry and regularly attend our governing body meetings; and to other congregation members who have provided their ideas, concerns and encouragement to myself and others.

Regarding church business in December, a Council meeting was held as scheduled and each council member provided productive updates. Look for how we concluded towards our Mission Plan goal in the Annual Meeting to be held after each Service on Sunday, January 9th.

Looking forward in the near term, for the governance of our "affairs of church", the upcoming regular sessions of our Voters Assembly meetings for 2022 are planned to be held on the days that follow; look for the full schedule, including Council meetings after the new Council first meets in February. Please note that this Sunday meeting will follow our second worship service to enable as many Voters as possible to attend.

Voters:

Sunday, February 27th

Sunday, May 22nd

Sunday, September 11th

Sunday, November 13th

Council:

Tuesday, February 8th 7 PM

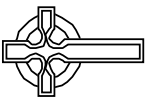
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Happy New Year! I hope to see you in church!

Steve Feero

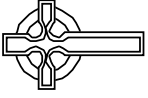
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BIG Calendar

January 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:00 Worship 10:30 Worship No Confirmation Class	3	4	5 1:30 Bible Study 7:15 Bell Choir 8:00 Parish Choir	6 10-12 Bulletins available for pick up	7	8
9 Annual Meeting after both Services 8:00 Worship 9:10 SSchool, Adult & High School Bible Study 10:30 Worship/Installation of Officers/Deacons	10	11	12 1:30 Bible Study 7:15 Bell Choir 8:00 Parish Choir	13 10-12 Bulletins available for pick up	14	15
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JANUARY SERVERS LIST

Altar Guild (month)

Choir

Ushers (month)

Acolytes

Readers/Altar Assistants

(I) = Individual Cups; (C) = Common Cup

Pam Clark
Marilyn Miller

8:00
Curt Smith
Karen Smith

10:30
Jonathan Schrumm
Blair Donewald

January 2
8:00
- 1 Kings 3:4-15 – Karen Smith
- Ephesians 1:3-14 – Curt Smith

10:30
- 1 Kings 3:4-15 – Jonathan Schrumm
- Ephesians 1:3-14 – Blair Donewald

January 9
8:00
- Isaiah 43:1-7 – Lynn Balash
- Romans 6:1-11 - Steve Behnfeldt

10:30
- Isaiah 43:1-7 – Barbara Hillis
- Romans 6:1-11 - Rob DeLaubell

January 16
8:00
- Isaiah 62:1-5 (I) – Andy Clark
- 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 – Andy Clark

10:30
- Isaiah 62:1-5 (I) – Margie Mertz
- 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 – Margie Mertz

Bell Choir

January 23
8:00
- Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 – Marilyn Miller
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a – Karen Bailey

Bruce Emerick

10:30
- Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 – Blair Donewald
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a – Jonathan Schrumm

Parish Choir

January 30
8:00
- Jeremiah 1:4-10 (I) – Bill Sherman
- 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13 – Bill Sherman

10:30
- Jeremiah 1:4-10 (I) – Todd Plantier
- 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13 -Todd Plantier

Attention Readers, Altar Servers and Acolytes –
Reminder – You are responsible for getting a substitute if you are unable to serve on your assigned date. If you need a substitute list, please call the church office.

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very day. Even when trouble comes to us in this life, it does not stop His good gifts. In Christ Jesus, God’s name has been put on you and in Him you will always be blessed.

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

In Christ Jesus,

Pastor David Rowold



STATUS OF COVID -19 PRECAUTIONS AT CLC

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Please remember that there are still some Covid precautions in place at CLC due to the continuing impact of the Delta and Omicron variants on our community. At the moment, we are still wearing masks inside the Church building (but not outside), and we also continue to limit the number of households at the altar rail at one time during Communion. People are, however, allowed to kneel at the rail (if they desire) and to share the greeting of peace in whatever way they are most comfortable.



We hope to soon resume our process of gradually lifting the last of the practices that we put in place to help keep everyone safe continues to remain paused, but we ask your patience and understanding while we do so. If you have questions about any of our Covid precautions, please feel free to speak to Pastor Rowold or any of the members of the Wellness & Safety Committee. Take care of yourself and stay healthy.

THANK YOU...

Thank you to all the members and friends of Cheshire Lutheran Church for your generosity, your kindness, and your prayers. My family and I are truly blessed that you called me to serve as your Pastor. May God bless and keep you always.

Pastor Rowold





CANS AND BOTTLES—BOTTLES AND CANS...

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

NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

We were busy for the entire month. The children were getting ready to surprise their families with special crafts that were created with LOVE. The children were so very excited to decorate bags with Cookie Cutter Prints to use as wrapping paper. They created many beautiful crafts to put on their Christmas Tree year after year.



I'm sure many of you have decorations on your tree that bring back wonderful memories of your children when they were young. We have a decoration on our tree that our late daughter made years back. She is front and center.

The 3's learned the true story of Christmas as well as the 4's. Miss Cindy was nice enough to bring in costumes to re-enact the story of Christmas. The children looked adorable and so smart. I guarantee the story is understood and planted right inside their hearts and minds. God Bless our little ones. The 4's didn't have the opportunity to reenact the story of Christmas. We were all quarantining because I was a direct contact to COVID-19 and one of our student's family tested positive, including our student.



Both the 3's and 4's have continued with learning their numbers and letters. Pastor has been visiting our classes throughout the month. He has focused on Jesus is the reason for the season. HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!

We all are looking forward to 2022. I pray that God sends us substitute teachers, as well as more children. So, please pass the word to friends and family that Cherubs is a wonderful Christian School. You really should call to set up an appointment to see our beautiful school. Our phone number is 203-272-1150.

May 2022 be healthy, happy, and productive. Let's all pray that COVID-19 leaves as fast as it came. I'm praying that COVID-19 doesn't get so bad that we must close our school along with the public schools again. It was a disaster for many families. I pray that we can take our masks off again so that the children can see their friends' smiles as well as the teachers smiles.

Miss JoAnn



OUR SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER LIST...

If you have submitted a name to the Prayer list, please remember to give Pastor periodic updates on the people we are praying for, especially if circumstances have improved and they should be removed from the list. We take great joy when we are able to take a name off the list for good reasons.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS...

January 2022—Georgianna Schupp

Our featured member for January 2022 is Georgianna Schupp. Georgianna was born in Cranford, New Jersey. Her family moved often, and she remembers living in 3 different towns, 3 different schools and 2 different states by the time she was in 3rd grade. Three months before her high school graduation, the family moved from Maryland to East Port Chester (now Byram), New York, from which she graduated. The move challenged her to make changes to her future. She decided to go to New York City and apply for a modeling job. She was hired by Barbizon Modeling, which she enjoyed.

Georgianna particularly enjoyed modeling hats! She remembers everyone joining forces on the streets of New York City to sell war bonds. She got a job at the Paramount Theater in New York City. There was an usher there, who's name at the time was Vito Farinola who operated the elevator closest to the stage. Perry Como heard Vito sing. Georgianna recalls that he had a very good voice. A short time later the usher known as Vito Farinola changed his name (and nose) to Vic Damone.

After leaving the Paramount Theater, Georgianna saw an ad in the newspaper for a job with Army Intelligence. This was war time, and everyone came together to help. She was hired for the job. The job was in Washington, D.C., where the employees were housed at Arlington Farms Communication Station, in Virginia. The job required secrecy. She could tell no one what she was working on. There is a book published recently called "The Code Girls". The untold story of the American women code breakers of World War II by Liza Mundy. The book is about a girl who lived in the same room as Georgianna-Idaho Hall-Room C6.



Georgianna was married to Ralph for 74 years. She remembers meeting Ralph at his parents' home where her Mom and Dad were invited for a game of pinochle. Ralph and Georgianna eloped to Maryland. They were married on April 28, 1947. They have 2 sons, Ralph and Bradford. They also have 3 granddaughters, 1 great grandson and 2 great granddaughters. They moved to Cheshire in 1958. Georgianna remembers attending CLC service at the Grange Hall in Cheshire. She is proud to be a Charter Member of the church.

Georgianna lost her husband Ralph this past September. Georgianna's many hobbies include painting, gardening, US history and crafting. If you have an opportunity to visit her, you will be impressed with her ability to master her hobbies. She is also a big Yankee fan. She remembers when she and Ralph went to a game and sat behind Clark Gable. (He was even more handsome in person.) They also sat in front of Joe Louis and Sugar Ray Robinson. Georgianna also enjoys UCONN women's basketball. She is an avid reader who loves reading the Bible. She recommends "The Code Girls" by Liza Mundy. The book is a reminder of her own personal experience. Two favorite movies are: "Gone With The Wind" and "Now, Voyager." Her most favorite accomplishments are her 2 sons and being married to a Marine for 74 years.

It has been my pleasure to submit this article. Diane Drust, Member of the Evangelism Committee

HOW TO REACH PASTOR IN AN EMERGENCY...

If there is no answer in the Church Office, Pastor Rowold may be reached on his cell phone listed in our church directory.



NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP DEACON...



Advent and 65th Anniversary Events:

I'd like to thank all who made the Advent and 65th Anniversary luncheon possible. Of course, this event does not come together without the teamwork and generosity of so many. A huge thank you to Diane and Don Drust who were instrumental in supplying and serving the heart of the meal. There were many CLC members that provided delicious sides and desserts. The time and talents of all those that helped setup, decorate, and the cleanup crew are greatly appreciated.

A warm thank you to Tim and Karen Weiland for all their expertise with knowledge of how things have been done so successfully in years past, in addition to some help with the history of CLC being presented. Multiple members assisted with setting up the day before and cleaning up after the event including Pastor, Tricia and Sarah Rowold, Marilyn and Frank Miller, Jim and Margie Mertz, Karen Bailey, Carlene Myers and Ricky Schellinger, Linda and Buzz Gancarz, Andy Clark and I'm sure many other church mice I undoubtedly missed!

Our guest speakers, Pastor Nuechterlein and Al Manke, brought a personal touch to the occasion, and I thank them for graciously agreeing to be part of our celebration. Certainly, Pastor Rowold is a blessing and did an outstanding job of putting together readings and prayers that commemorated this blessed event in such a meaningful way. To all, Thank You!

What's Next in 2022:

So, what's next? January looks to be a bit quiet with the recent surge in Covid cases. However, there are discussions of a Progressive Dinner in our future for the spring- details will be forthcoming.

Coffee hour, immediately following 8AM service, will continue. Please join us for a hot cup of coffee or tea and a quick bite to eat. There is a sign-up sheet on the board if you would like to host. All supplies are provided.

Pam Clark—Fellowship Deacon



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!



PLEDGE PACKETS FOR 2022...

Pledge Sunday for 2022 is here. Please assist CLC in planning and meeting our financial obligations by returning your pledge card to the church as soon as possible. Thank you!

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.



NEWS FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY...

Reminders from Your Friendly Neighborhood Financial Secretary:

- ✚ If you have Pledge envelopes PLEASE use them, having to lookup members envelope numbers can lead to human error.
- ✚ Please remember to mark on the outside of your offering envelopes with the exact amount of money enclosed. This is a very important check and balance for us.
- ✚ If you've been absent for some time and want to bring your offerings up to date, kindly use ONE rather than MANY envelopes - since the fewer envelopes our financial assistants must handle, the lighter their workload.
- ✚ PLEASE do not post-date checks.
- ✚ PLEASE use black or blue ink for your checks. Our friendly bank tellers thank you.

Guy Mason—Financial Secretary



NEW MEMBER/MEMBER REFRESHER CLASS...

Are you someone who has been worshipping at CLC for a while and you've decided that you want to become an official member of the congregation? Are you a member, but it's been so long since you had Confirmation Class that you can't even remember what the Six Chief Parts of the Small Catechism are, let alone what they say? Do you want a chance to ask Pastor questions about the faith in a small group setting? Would you just like a refresher on what Lutheran Christians believe?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, contact Pastor Rowold as soon as you get the chance. He's looking to put together a New Member/Member Refresher class for people who are interested. It will begin soon after the start of the new year, and Pastor wants to know what day/time will be the most convenient for people who would like to attend. Participants will be asked to bring their copy of Luther's Small Catechism and they will be provided for anyone who does not have one, so we need to know how many to get.





CLC CHOIR NEWS...

We will continue to wear masks as long as this requirement continues on Sunday Services. Please note:

♫ Bell Choir will perform 8:00 & 10:30 AM services on January 16th.

CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

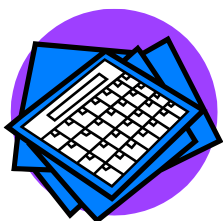
Date	Time	Event	Choir
January 9 - Sunday	<i>No Performances</i>		
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
January 12 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
January 16 - Sunday	7:15 AM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Bell Choir
January 19 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
January 23 - Sunday	7:15 AM	Rehearsal	Soloist
	8:00 AM	Performance	Soloist
	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
January 26 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
January 30 - Sunday	<i>No Performances</i>		



MORE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED...

We have an awesome team of teachers who have heard the call and stepped up to help. Please join them. We want to add to our team, so each class has at least 2 teachers. Our biggest need is teachers for grades 5 and up.

Please reach out to Tricia Rowold to volunteer to serve as a Sunday School teacher or substitute. Thank you.



CLC CALENDARS FOR 2022...

2022 Calendars are coming. The calendars are a gift to our congregation compliments of the Alderson/Ford Funeral Home. You are welcome to pick up a copy from our hallway counter or narthex table as soon as they arrive. Watch for the notice when they get here.

NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...

Our stewardship messaging has focused on three key themes over this past year: the notion that its more than just “the money”; an appreciation for all that you do and give; and a subtle question asking “can we do better”?

To the first item, **stewardship is more than just “the money”**. For sure, stewardship is all encompassing, e.g., we commonly say it is the giving of our TIME, TALENT and TREASURE. I emphasize the time and talent aspect simply because it is true; it takes a lot of people doing a lot of “things”, including a tremendous amount of behind the scenes “stuff”, to make this “place” (CLC) function. Keep it up! Your time and talents are what makes our congregation healthy and thriving, and for that, on behalf of the congregation, a heartfelt THANK YOU. And equally as important, if you aspire to get involved, please reach out to me, or any member of the council, or Pastor, or the church office, and say “Hey, I would like to get more involved with _____” (you need to fill in the blank, can’t help you with that!).

Appreciation: We nailed it on all fronts! Financially, contributions are solidly inline with our Mission Plan a.k.a. budget (final full year results not available at the time of this writing, but were at 97% of plan thru November). And over and above financial contributions our mission plan, I want to emphasize that CLC members have tremendous generosity toward Special Gifts, affording us opportunities and benefits in many areas - our new online streaming capabilities being one such example. And, as I noted above, we are blessed that we have such tremendous engagement of folks’ time and talent. You may recall my saying in a prior note that I would love to recognize everyone for all that they do, but that would not fit within the space allocated for this article. More importantly, such a list doesn’t exist, as it would be impossible to capture all of the small (and large) ways that you all help out.

And finally, the challenge: “**can we do better**”? I have to ponder, how can we ask for more, when we are doing so well? The corollary to this question is some other questions: will we “settle” for what we have now? Can we set greater stretch goals, such as increasing our outreach to further our mission? I would respectfully ask that each of you prayerfully consider if you have the means, the will and/or the calling to enhance our mission doing God’s work.

Lastly, an update on the 2022 pledge campaign (data as of December 23rd):

- ⇒ we received 50 pledge cards returned for 2022. As a point of reference, we had 65 pledges for 2021
- ⇒ we received 34 expressions of interest in volunteering to “get involved” (from the TIME and TALENT cards in your pledge packet). These names will be forwarded to the appropriate Deacons/etc., and they should be reaching out to you

Thank you again for all that you do to enrich our CLC ministry!

Rob DeLaubell
Stewardship Deacon



CONFIRMATION CLASSES CONTINUE...

Confirmation Class continues to meet on Sunday nights at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Students should arrive by class time with their books and their completed homework. Please note, there will **not** be class on Sunday, January 16.



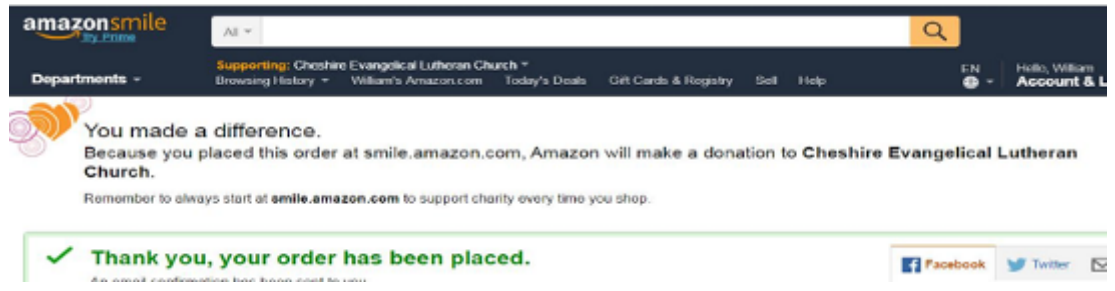
YOU SHOP. AMAZON GIVES...

If you happen to be an Amazon™ on-line shopper, Cheshire Lutheran Church is now a registered non-profit organization under the “Amazon Smile”™ program. So, whenever you shop on Amazon, instead go to www.smile.amazon.com, then log in, using your same username and password as you normally would on the traditional Amazon site. You will be asked to select a charity by browsing the list of registered organizations and selecting Cheshire Lutheran Church. Amazon Smile will donate .5% (that is .005) of the amount you purchase to CLC.

Here is a sample of the screen that you will see after completing a purchase:



You Shop. Amazon Gives



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...



The Sunday School Christmas Program Happened!

Sunday, December 12, 2021 was the in person return of our annual Sunday School Christmas Program. Thank you to all who made it possible.

The following Sunday we had a lesson on the Nativity. We then had a brief break for winter vacation from December 26 through January 2. Hopefully everyone is rested, healthy and ready to get back into Sunday School on January 9, 2022.

When we return, our Pre -K to 8 lessons on January 9th will be about Epiphany, which is celebrated January 6. Our second lesson on January 16, will be the Baptism of our Lord. Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:10 a.m. as we learn how God redeems His people.

We will have a brief opening in the Sanctuary all together at 9:10 a.m. before going to our individual classrooms. In the event that the sanctuary is not available at 9:10, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall on those days.

High School Bible Study will also resume January 9th with its own topic studies with Mr. Andy Clark.

Even if you have not joined us yet this school year, there is still a place for you here.

Have a Blessed New Year! See you Sunday Mornings.

Tricia Rowold—Sunday School Superintendent

CLC SAYS GOODBYE TO CHERISHED FRIENDS...

Sunrise February 23, 1927 ~ Sunset December 5, 2021

Norma Elizabeth Baker

On December 5, 2021, our sister in Christ “Norma Baker” was called home to be reunited with Our Lord.

Norma was the loving Mother to Sally Schrumm and Grandmother and Great Grandmother to the Schrumm children and Grandchildren. During her many years of retirement from Nursing, she kept busy with her volunteer work, including the Hyannis Hospital craft fair, Cheshire Lutheran Church, and Ashlar Village.

A memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 29 at Cheshire Lutheran Church.

We join the Schrumm family in grieving the loss of Noma and we cling to our Savior Jesus as we look forward to the day when we will be reunited with them and all the faithful around the throne in heaven.

None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. (Rom. 14:7-8)

“Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.”

Matthew 25:21



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO RUN OUR VIDEO EQUIPMENT...

In December, we were able to fully utilize and enjoy the new audio/video equipment. Special care was utilized during the purchase process that the equipment be easy to use for volunteers, including those with no prior background in sound or video equipment. Do you take videos with your phone? Are you interested in learning more about audio/video and streaming technology?

Offer your time and increase your video talent and assist with running the new equipment for an 8 AM church service. You will be helping Pastor Rowold and our Service to go live on YouTube. Contact Tim Weiland or Bill Juul for details.

We will train volunteer staff on all of the equipment and help troubleshoot any problems that may arise as people master the system. Your efforts will give you new skills you can carry into other areas of their lives if you so choose.



MLK Day
January 17, 2022

NEWS FROM OUR YOUTH DEACON...



Lisa and her beautiful Family. Husband Julian, Max, Alex and Grace

Gratitude from the Youth Group
On behalf of our Youth Group I want to extend sincere gratitude to all at the Advent Luncheon who so generously donated to the Youth Group trip to Texas for the LCMS National Youth Gathering! And more deep gratitude to all of our hungry customers at the Cookie Walk on December 12th!! And even more gratitude from the CLC Women's Group for their donation!!! We are truly blessed to have so much support from all of you!!!! (I'm up to four exclamation points here, lol)



The Youth spent all day on December 11th baking all kinds of goodies. Here are some photos that show their focus and effort, and they had quite a bit of fun too.



Lisa Muller, Youth Deacon

Wishing everyone a New Year filled with love, peace and good health!

Congregational Meeting Reminder:
Sunday January 9th after both Services
& via Youtube stream and in the Sanctuary

JOE & RITA STARK ANNOUNCE BIRTH OF GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER...



Joseph and Rita Stark are proud to announce the birth of their great-granddaughter, Autumn Teresa Manning. Autumn was born October 6, 2021 to parents Ryan and Stephanie Manning of Derry, NH. The proud grandparents are Mark and Cindy Manning of Newtown, CT and Todd and Teresa Bendtsen of Wolcott, CT.



THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

January

January 3, 1521	Martin Luther excommunicated from Catholic Church by Pope Leo X
January 1958	First congregational officers elected, parish constitution adopted, and congregation officially named Cheshire Evangelical Lutheran Church
January 29, 1961	Opening dedication ceremony of Cheshire Evangelical Lutheran Church
January 7, 2018	Rev. David Patrick Rowold accepted our Call to fill pastoral vacancy of Pastor Charles Gustafson



NEW ON OUR WEBSITE...WWW.CHESHIRELUTHERAN.ORG

The following has been recently added to our Website:

- ✚ Wonderful aerial drone video put to music of our beautiful church grounds
- ✚ Live streaming and video recordings of Sunday Services during COVID-19 restrictions
- ✚ Service video with enhanced music recordings—YouTube sometimes does not broadcast the best sounding audio.
- ✚ Audio recordings of Anthems sung by Soloists and Special Ensembles and events
- ✚ Current and Past Heavenly Heralds
- ✚ Video recordings from many past events
- ✚ Audio and Video recordings of Pastors Sermons and other events
- ✚ Pictures, pictures, pictures and more pictures from all our past events other miscellaneous photos taken in and around the Church by Tim Weiland
- ✚ Much, much more...



NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEACON...

Many children were able to experience the joy of giving this Christmas thanks to your donations of giftable items. Your response to Cheshire Community Food Pantry's request for items for the *First Annual Kid's Bazaar* was nothing short of miraculous. In total, 22 shopping bags filled with your donations were delivered to the CCFP.

Vicki DePaolo, Social Welfare Deacon



CLC December 2021

Advent Service

Setting up the Crèche on December 4, 2021



Advent Jubilee on December 5, 2021



Christmas Program on December 12, 2021



Memories

Christmas Tree felling on December 17, 2021



Christmas Tree & Church decorating on December 18, 2021



Christmas Eve Services on December 24, 2021



THE RIPPEL REPORT—DECEMBER 2021..

Oh, Christmas Tree Follow Up

I look back at age 10, George and I in 1942. His older sister, Helen, was very attractive and had a number of suitors.

One in particular I remember. He came from Brooklyn NYC, he was a lounge singer and Helen and this singer wanted to get married. Her orthodox parents forbid this. Helen would marry a sailor buddy of her sailor brothers.

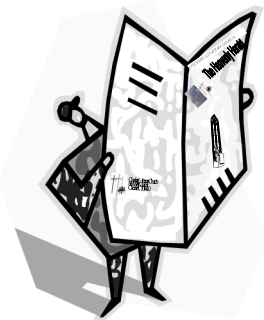
The lounge singer would reach entertainment stardom. He changed his Italian name from Vito Farinola to Vic Damone.

George's older brother Ernie, the sailor, convinced his parents an Italian girl would be his wife, it was so. Her name was Prudence Montalbano.

A dozen years later, my pal George married Prudence's younger sister Patience.

Two brothers married two sisters. Their immigrant Italian parents, who stopped by the NYC 5th Ave Public Library, named their daughters after the names of the 2 lions out front.

Respectfully Submitted
Charles Rippe!



PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!!

(February 2021 Articles are Due!)

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (souliebeth@sbcglobal.net) by **Friday January 21st** 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!



NEWS FROM THE WORSHIP DEACON...



You are cordially invited to be a:

- † **Reader**
- † **Usher**
- † **Greeter**
- † **Singer or Ringer**
- † **Altar Guilder**

For a typical four Sunday month, there can be at least 70 "periods of service" when members usher, acolyte, read lessons, greet other members before service, and prepare the altar. (And this does not count the choir's musical offerings that make our worship special).

If you haven't been able to help in any of these areas and now are willing to assist, or would like to start, please contact Tim!

Thank you in advance!
R Tim Weiland, your CLC Worship Deacon

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.



CLC HELPING HANDS...

Thank you to all who have offered and provided help with meals, transportation and visits in the past. As we continue to reach out and remain available to those in need, I would like to update my "membership list". A sign up will be posted on the narthex bulletin board for current and new members. Please include your name, phone number and email as well as your ability to provide meals, transportation or visits. Thank you in advance!



"Helping Hands" of CLC is designed to match members' talents and time availability with those in need within our church family. In the past, this has formally included meal preparation and transportation needs and occasional visitation. Informally, there is a lot of helping "behind the scenes" from women and men in the congregation who see a need and respond to it. It is likely there are others who have needs and those who would be inclined to help, but are unaware of the needs. Helping Hands is organized to meet the needs of both groups, men and women, singles and families.

Assistance During COVID-19:

Please consider requesting assistance such as meals, transportation, occasional errands, minor household repairs, and visitors. Please know that Helping Hands may be able to help during this *Coronavirus* quarantine chapter in our lives. If you are in need of groceries or other essential items, or just want a daily or occasional phone call, please contact Sally at the number below.

Those able to offer occasional time and your talents, please sign up on the bulletin board, indicating your "offering".

Thank you for your prayerful consideration. Please contact the church office (203-272-5106) or me to request assistance or for any concerns or questions. Please note that all information will be confidential.

Sally Schrumm, Chairman
(phone 203-710-0753)



Our Sincere Appreciation



- ✦ Many thanks to Stephen and Jonathan Manke for donating the lovely red Poinsettias that adorned our Altar on Christmas Eve. They were beautiful!
- ✦ **Church Decorating – Thank You!**
Thanks to all the folks that helped out with setting up the Christmas tree, decorating it, and decorating the church. The tree you chose is perfect and beautiful!
- ✦ VERY SPECIAL Thank you to Tim Weiland for ALWAYS being there to take pictures of all of our events! Tim, your hard work and dedication is GREATLY APPRECIATED!
- ✦ Also VERY SPECIAL Thank You to Bill Juul and Steve Feero (and all the new volunteers) for recording (audio & video) all our events at CLC. Bill also loads them onto our Website so we can enjoy them for many years to come. Thank You Bill.
- ✦ Gracious thanks to Curt and Karen Smith for donating the beautiful wreaths that adorn the Church!
- ✦ Special Thanks to Bill and Debbie Sherman for donating the lovely white Poinsettia plants that are placed beneath the Chrismon Tree in the Sanctuary.
- ✦ CLC is blessed with many unnamed folk that continuously clean up our beautiful grounds. Thank you for your hard work and we want you to know that it is greatly appreciated. WE ARE BLESSED
- ✦ Thank you to the folk that came out and set up our Beautiful Crèche. It is such an inspiration every time we drive by
- ✦ Special thank you to Carol Santoro for your hard work running our Church Office during these very difficult and unprecedented times. We acknowledge you constantly have to “think out of the box” with regards to organizing our Services and making sure everyone is informed. Thank You
- ✦ Another special Thank You to all those who contributed to our worship services throughout the 2021 year. Pastor, Martha, Carol, Steve Feero, Bill Juul and many others—Thank you from the bottom of our hearts
- ✦ Many thanks to Al Manke for continuing to take care of the bottles and cans that we collect and make sure the money collected from recycling is given to the Little Cherubs

ON THE BULLETIN BOARD:

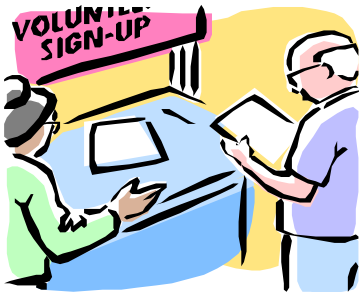
Remember to check the Bulletin Boards and/or hallway table for sign-up sheets and information about various events!

This month on the Bulletin Board:

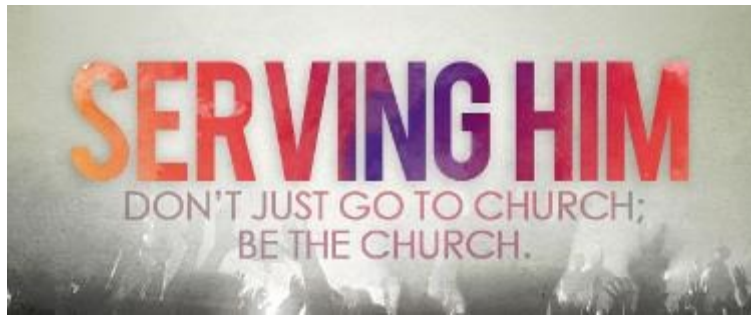
- ✦ CLC Usher Sign Up Schedule
- ✦ **Birthright** Needs Volunteers information
- ✦ Information regarding volunteers needed to run our newly installed Sound and Video equipment from HBCommunications
- ✦ Independence Northwest looking for Volunteers
- ✦ Sunday Morning Coffee Hour sign ups– Per COVID regulations
- ✦ Thank You Cards and other correspondence
- ✦ **Hope Pregnancy Center** 2022 volunteer sign-ups
- ✦ **Cheshire Food Drive** Volunteer info. and sign-ups
- ✦ **2022 Flower Chart** Sign-up
- ✦ Monthly CLC Members **Birthday** and **Anniversaries**

Others looking for help!

- ✦ **Fellowship Deacon needs volunteers** to help make the events happen. Contact Pam Clark if you can help in any capacity.
- ✦ **Sunday School Teachers Needed**—Prayerfully consider serving our congregations children by volunteering to teach them a few Sunday mornings during the year. See Pastor Rowold, Tricia Rowold or Craig Wilson.
- ✦ **Ushers are needed** to work both services. Contact Tim Weiland to volunteer.



Church Council



Church Deacons

Cheshire Lutheran Church 2022 OFFICERS AND DEACONS

Please reach out and say Thank You to our newly elected Church Council and Deacons who will be installed on Sunday January 9th at the 10:30 Service

Parish President	Jeff Mann		Evangelism	Marilyn Miller
Vice President	Bill Soulier		Fellowship	Pam Clark
Recording Secretary	Vicki DePaolo		House and Grounds	Todd Plantier
Financial Secretary	Alan Santoro		Social Welfare	Nancy Engelhardt
Treasurer	Bill Sherman		Stewardship	Rob DeLaubell
Christian Education	Craig Wilson		Worship	Tim Weiland
Christian Growth Fund	David Schrumm		Youth	Lisa Muller

Our Sincere Thanks to Steve Feero, Terri Daly, Guy Mason and Andy Clark for their faithful service to the Council. Well done, good and faithful servants!

UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION PASTOR R...

Beginning today, December 1, 2021, I will be making a change to the way that you can reach me. Some things are not changing, but others are, so I want to make sure that you are all aware of what is going on and how it may affect you.

First, what is not changing:

☩ Phone and text. These two continue to be the fastest ways to reach me, especially in the case of an emergency. I answer my calls and texts right away, regardless of the day or the hour. The only reason that I will not answer immediately is if I am unable to do so at that time. If that should occur, I will reply as soon as possible. Voicemails are only listened to by me, so you can leave whatever message you need, and I am also the only one who reads my texts.

Second, what is changing:

☩ Email. I will no longer be receiving email notifications on my cell-phone, so I will not know when an email is sent to me during the evening or on my days off. While I will still check my email regularly when I am in the office, I will not be made aware of them when I am out of the office and will only occasionally check email during those times. This means that email is not a good way to reach me in an emergency; in those circumstances, please call or text. If the subject can wait until I am next in the office, then email is a fine way to contact me.



If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me using the most appropriate method from the options above. Of course, you can always speak to me directly on Sunday morning or if you come by the Church office during the week.

God bless and keep you; stay safe and be well.

In Christ,
Pastor David Rowold

H a p p y

New Year

Through the Lord's mercies, we
are not consumed. For His
compassions, they fail not.
Great is His faithfulness!

Lamentations 3:22-23



NEWS FROM THE HOUSE & GROUNDS DEACON...

Hi everyone, this is my final article before I take a mandatory year off and I want to fill everyone in on what has been done and what to expect going forward from house and grounds.

The big news is the new streaming service is finally up and running! We switched over to the new equipment on Christmas Eve and we are using the new equipment going forward. We are still working out some kinks with the live streaming but so far, the equipment is working as planned and the quality is noticeably improved. I cannot thank the congregation enough for all the donations to get this done. I know this was the right move and foresee years of evangelism reaching out to surrounding communities as well as providing an alternative to our congregation members to attend services.



The next steps with the streaming will be training members on how to use the service and basic controls. We would also like to set up in-house broadcasting to the nursery and fellowship hall. The equipment is all set up for this, we just need to run wires and install a TV in the nursery; something I'm sure the new house and grounds deacon, Todd Plantier, will work to complete.



The other project we have been working on was new lighting for the sanctuary and parking lot. I'm pleased to announce that most of this project has been completed and the rest will be done shortly. Right before Christmas, PTE Energy (our lighting contractor) came out and installed new lighting for the altar, cross and parking lot. Right after Christmas they installed lighting in the choir loft and the only remaining work is the congregation lighting in the sanctuary. The new lighting has already made a difference for the pulpit and choir loft and once completed, I'm sure everyone will notice a brighter place of worship.



It has been a pleasure and an eye-opening experience as your house and grounds deacon. I have met and become friends with so many members of the congregation that I used to know casually, just greeting each Sunday. Working side by side with so many of you has been a blessing and I cannot say enough about all the people that step up and help out every day, thank you! As I leave, I would like to encourage everyone who has not yet served on the council or helped with an activity to consider it because it is such a rewarding experience. I wish I had done this years ago.

I am very pleased to pass on the house and grounds duties to Todd Plantier who I know will do a wonderful job. Thank you once again to everyone who helped and encouraged me (yes, there were times I was overwhelmed and wondering if I was the right person), after 6 years, I am more excited about our church and congregation and you will certainly see me around, only this time as one of the many unnamed church mice!

Andy Clark
House and Grounds Deacon

2022 CALENDARS ARE HERE!

The 2022 calendars are a gift to our congregation compliments of the Alderson Ford Funeral Homes. You are welcome to pick one up from our hallway counter or narthex table.

GREETING CARD FUNDRAISER!

(A project of the Thursday Ladies Group)



A variety of greeting cards with Christian messages are for sale at \$1 each. These high quality cards are displayed in a rack on the counter outside the office. We will continuously update the selection which includes Birthday, Anniversary, Get Well, Sympathy, Thank You, seasonal and miscellaneous choices.

After making your selection, please leave your money or check in the box attached to the display.

Thanks to all who continue to support this ongoing program.

We appreciate your thoughtful participation in making this benevolence so successful.

Contact Person: Paula Ongley

MEMORIAL GARDEN & COLUMBARIUM NEWS...



The Columbarium Committee continues to communicate and meet regularly to discuss status of Inurnment Subscription and Memorial Plaque purchases.

Subscriptions

- ✠ There are currently 35 inurnment subscriptions & 4 pending possibilities
- ✠ We have 19 memorial plaques purchased, 3 new and one pending possibility

Linda Gancarz will research the possibility of getting a small number, made by the plaque engraver, to designate the section # of each of the 22 sections of the Columbarium. This would help family and friends easily locate positions of loved ones and would also be useful to new subscribers when deciding on a location.



Flags

Flags were placed on the Columbarium for Veterans Day, November 11-14.

The following congregants now rest in our hearts and whose remains are a reminder to remain steadfast in hope and faith that we will be reunited.

Saints Inurned In The Columbarium

Marilyn E. Allesandrine (Jul. 31, 1939 – Mar. 21, 2019)
 Judith Schnaars DiDomizio (Dec. 4, 1941 – May 10, 2021)
 Richard Hagstrom – (May 22, 1930 – July 4, 2021)
 Philip L. Kenney (Aug. 4, 1927 – Nov. 22, 2013)
 Arthur F. Munter Sr. (Feb. 8, 1929 – Jan. 21, 2018)
 Mary Bianchini Munter (Jun. 16, 1929 – Mar. 11, 2021)

Consider this Beautiful spot for Memorial Plaque or to house your final remains.

For more information, grab a pamphlet and/or contact any member of the Memorial Garden and Columbarium Committee.

Don Drust

Linda Gancarz

John Mulvaney

Vicki DePaolo

Margie Mertz

Randy Raddatz

Pat DiDomizio

Priscilla Mulvaney

Beth Soulier

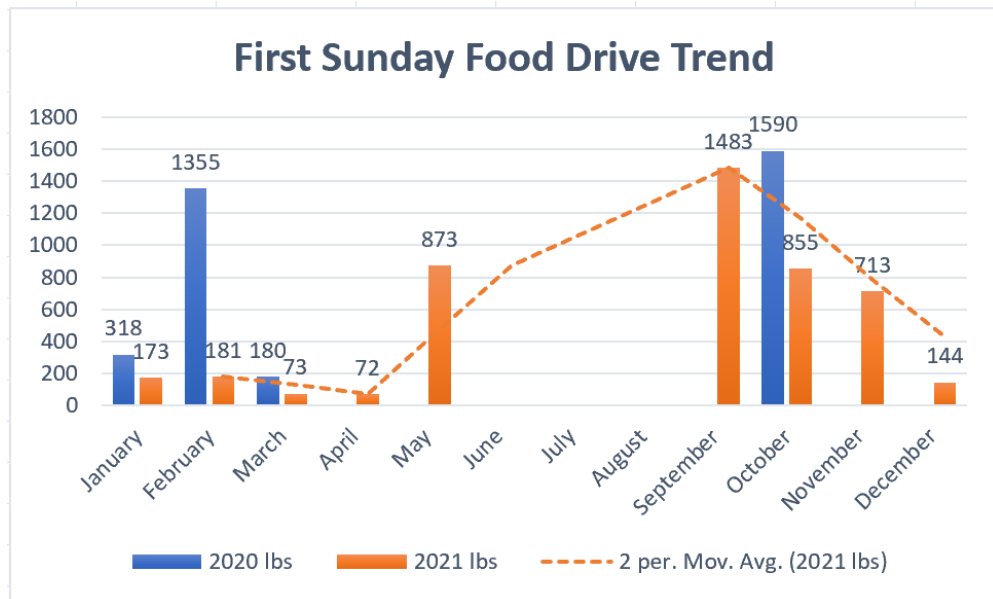
Walt Gancarz

Tim Weiland



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



HELP WANTED

The Cheshire Community Food Pantry, Inc. is seeking new volunteers to assist on Tuesday or Thursday evenings. Hours are 2:30-6 PM. Commitment includes a few weeks of training either night with current volunteers. Once training & orientation is completed, we could discuss the best evening and task you would like to be a part of. We are also seeking individuals willing to be on-call as needed. Jobs include shopping with clients, reception desk & administration, stocking shelves, sorting donations, and helping donors drop-off food. Ability to lift 30lbs or more is a plus, but not required. All volunteers must be 18 years of age or older. Please contact the Food Pantry for more information.

“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! Please note that the Cheshire Community Food Pantry is open Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9:00 a.m. until Noon and Tues. & Thurs. from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Please check expiration dates. We want to ensure the food we are sending is not out of date. Also, please remember that we cannot accept opened packages. Any and all contributions are gratefully accepted, including non-food items such as soap, tooth paste, shampoo, detergent, paper products etc. tooth paste, shampoo, detergent, paper products etc.

CHESHIRE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS HELP...

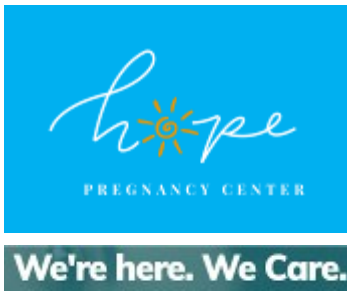
The Cheshire Community Food Pantry needs our help more than ever. Covid-19 has decreased contributions, children are home and people out of work. There are no Sunday donations to the Pantry. We can directly drop off items at the Pantry or send a cash for them to purchase what they need most. **THEY NEED OUR HELP!**

The Cheshire Community Food Pantry is located at:
175 Sandbank Rd
Cheshire Ct 06410

Send Checks to:
Cheshire Community Food Pantry PO BOX 457
or
you can donate \$\$ to them online at <https://www.cheshirefoodpantry.org/>

Call for drop off times: 203-699-9226

WE SUPPORT HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER...



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

We donate baby 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.

Hope Pregnancy Center is also looking for more volunteer board members and volunteer fatherhood coaches for our Earn While You Learn Parenting Program.



Board Member:

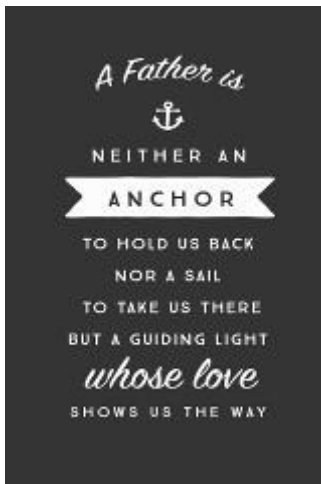
Ever wish you were more involved in the Pro-Life movement and aren't sure how? Have ideas you'd like to share? Are you a decision maker? Feel like you have to be hands on? Hope Pregnancy Center is currently seeking supporting individuals to be a Board of Directors member. This is a VOLUNTEER position. For more information or to apply, email Julianna at hopepct@gmail.com or call (203) 271-2703.

Fatherhood Coach:

Are you a dad who has wanted to invest in other fathers or provide them with a listening ear? Hope Pregnancy Center is seeking volunteer male coaches to be in the mentorship program for Fatherhood and Parenting classes. Coaches meet one on one every other week for appointments, using a curriculum with spiritual applications. For more information please email Maggie@hopepregnancycenterct.org or call (203) 271-2703.

Hope Pregnancy Center

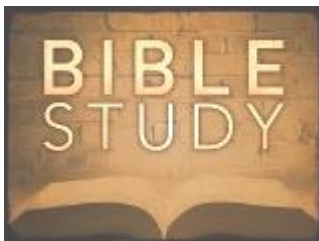
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hopepregnancycenterct.org



Bible Studies at CLC

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES...

Come and join us for Bible Study as we dig deeper into God's Word.



Sunday morning Bible study meets every Sunday morning between the services at 9:10 a.m. in the Church Library for everyone who is able to be with us in person. Our Wednesday afternoon study meets every Wednesday at 1:30 PM in the Church Library for those interested in meeting in person and is also available by Zoom for those who desire. The Zoom link is sent out via a mass email each week, along with a digital copy of the lesson for the day. We are taking a look at Genesis using a thirteen-lesson study that will give us a general overview of the book.

You're welcome to join us any time, even if it's your first time, and even if it will be the only time. I look forward to seeing you.

NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

Our committee remains very busy:

- ✝ We are continuing to interview our members for the "Getting To Know Our Members" feature in the Heavenly Herald. We hope you enjoy this feature as much as we enjoy bringing it to you. See Diane Drust's interview of Georgianna Schupp in this edition.
- ✝ We have started assembling gift bags. We gave out bags to four new families. Also gave out welcome bags to several visitors.
- ✝ We sent out Christmas cards to shut-ins in our Church
- ✝ We bought and sold coffee mugs for the 65th anniversary. They will be for sale for many years
- ✝ Quilts of Valor -Paula Ongley made a quilt and Marilyn added the names of our CLC veterans to the quilt with more to be added. On November 28th, we gave this quilt to CLC for a permanent memorial to our veterans who fought for our freedom. The Quilt now hangs in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to all
- ✝ Scholarships for our High School Youth headed to College:
 - ◆ We have given our first two scholarships to Connor DeLaubell and Alexandra Tyler. The scholarships were given in memory of Martha Henderson and Judy DiDomizio, two cherished congregants who gave a lot to this church without expecting anything in return or acknowledgment
 - ◆ We added our scholarship program to Cheshire High School program. We will still be in control and only members of CLC can apply. But it gives us a name outside this congregation.
 - ◆ This CLC program will be financed by donations we hope that all members will give thought to contributing to our seniors high school students to help them with their finances for college.
 - ◆ Alli Tyler received her check on 12/26, Connor DeLaubell received his check on 11/28



Marilyn Miller
Evangelism Deacon

Wishing You A Very Happy New Year
May God Bless You & Your Family

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

January 2022

6th	Patrick & Kelley Collins-Pardee	10 Years
17th	John & Lynn Balash	47 Years



ANNIVERSARY

- 1st Catherine Barden
Todd Plantier
- 3rd Nora Bencivenga
- 4th Emily Smith
- 5th Michael Carrington
- 10th Craig Wilson
- 13th Carolyn Schmollinger
- 14th Barbara Manthey
- 18th Scott Slauson
- 20th Rebecca Mayer
- 23rd Margie Mertz
- 25th Carol Santoro
- 26th John Shepard
- 27th Don Dobbs
- 28th Eleanor Kenney
- 29th Jeff Mann, Jr.
- 31st Matthew Lynch



ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETING REMINDER...

No Voters or Council meeting in January!!!

The Annual corporate meeting will be held on Sunday, January 9th, after each service and Live Streamed on YouTube!

SO, HOW ARE YOU GOING TO HELP?...

Are you serving as an acolyte, an altar assistant, an usher, a reader, or a choir member? All of these folks help to make our services happen on Sunday morning; it's because of their involvement and participation that our services are as rich, and full, and well run as they are. If you are not serving in one of these ways, please do. We are currently looking for readers, ushers, and choir members (youth and adult and handbell).

If you can sing, please join the youth or adult choir. If you can't sing, then please be a reader. If you can't read in front of people, then be an usher. If you can't walk up and down the aisles to collect the offering, please join the bell choir. We have ways that just about every member of our family of faith can help – all we need is you. To join one of the choirs, speak to Martha Medford. To be a reader or an usher, speak to Tim Weiland.



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