

September 2019

Do you know that we are the oldest church in town? The first Methodist clergy was appointed to Chatfield in 1855, one year after the town was established. In 1859, the first church building was constructed. Chatfield UMC and Chatfield, the town, have grown up alongside each other. The church and the town have, together, seen the ups and downs of being a community.

Do you know that we are known as a very welcoming and hospitable church? That people see us as a place to go to when they have a need or a concern? Someone just posted on Google maps that Chatfield UMC was the place to go for people in need. They wrote: "Great resource for families in need." And we are not just here for food gas cards, and medical equipment, although those are huge sources of help. I get called on, often, by people who just want to know where to go to find one service or another. Who just need prayer or pastoral care. It is a privilege to be able to serve a church with such open doors.

Through a grant, we have been able to advertise our church's unique way of being in the community of Chatfield. Through the newspaper, play bills, tourist publications, school year book we let others know that we are a church that prides ourselves in our involvement in the community of Chatfield. Our tag line for those ads are: "Serving the Community for over 150 years."

With the decision at Annual Conference this summer, we can, with pride and assurance, put out the welcome mat for all. ALL. We affirmed together in June, that as UM's in MN we will put no barriers in the way of anyone who wants to be a full part of the UMC in Minnesota, not only church membership but also ordination and any position to which one is called and qualified. This thrills my heart. While I have always been open and affirming of all God's children and extend my ministry to all; I have been careful not to put the church I serve at risk. Now, I can minister fully and we as a church can be free to minister fully to whomever God sends our way.

Which brings me to the signs. These came from a grant and they aren't doing what they were intended to do unless people put them in their yards. That is what we want. A sign in every yard. A sign of welcome. A sign of solidarity. A sign of love. That is what a rainbow represents, the heart of God. When Noah left the ark, God placed a rainbow in the sky to remind us: every time we see a rainbow; God will always love us NO MATTER WHAT! The rainbow is a sign of God's heart for all God's people.

As Christians, we affirm and claim God's love by sharing the sign of God's heart with our community.

If you haven't already, please take a sign. Put it in your yard, at least until the first freeze. Let's carpet our community with the sign of God's heart of welcome.

It is important. It is a privilege. It is about us. It is about our neighbor. It is about God's heart.

Hope and Peace, Pastor Debra

September 1 – *EVEN MORE: God’s Character Shaping Love: Sanctifying Grace*

Romans 7:18-20 & 8:1-2 *I know that no good dwells in me, that is, in my human nature; the desire to do right is there, but not the power.*

Something to think about, talk about or do

How can God’s grace change us? How important to your faith is an ongoing, life-changing walk with God?

Prayer *God of Grace, we thank you for your sanctifying grace! Thank you for seeking us out, knowing that we will fall short, loving us even still, and transforming us into Jesus’ likeness. Amen*

September 8 – *Even When: God’s Never-Ending Love: Glorifying Grace*

Matthew 20:1-15 *Yet they all received the same daily wage.*

Something to think about, talk about or do

What assures you that God has delivered you from your sins and that you can look forward to an eternal future with God?

Prayer *God of grace and glory, we thank you for your glorifying grace! Thank you that we truly have no fear in death. Teach us what it means to live a grace-full life. Amen*

September 15 – *Get Up and Go*

2 Timothy 2:8-15 *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who doesn’t need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.*

Something to think about talk about or do

The second letter to Timothy comes to the early church at a time of considerable opposition. Yet, somewhere in the midst of all of this is the cause for rejoicing, because of the surprising presence of God.

Think of ten things to thank God for. Write or draw each thing on a strip of paper. Staple the strips together to make a paper chain. Each day, take a loop and include a prayer of thanks as you gather at meal time.

Prayer *Ever-present God, we believe you are with us wherever we go. May our lives flourish in this love in every place and time.*

September 22 – *Faith Persists*

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5 *All scripture is inspired of God, and is useful for teaching—for reprimanding, correcting, and training in justice— so that the people of God may be fully competent and equipped for every good work.*

Something to think about, talk about or do

Timothy is encouraged to persist in proclaiming the good news.

Practice persistence as a household, discuss any situation that needs changing – a group of people in need of assistance or support, an environmental concern, a project at your church. What can you do to make a difference? The situation may seem great but look at small things that you can do. How can you be persistent in working for change, slowly but surely?

Prayer *Loving God, we are grateful for the persistent love shown to us. May we never give up as we seek to live loving ways in our community. Amen.*

September 29 –

2 Timothy 1:1–14 *So don’t be ashamed to give your testimony about Christ*

Something to think about, talk about or do

Timothy learned about the Christian faith from his mother Eunice and his grandmother Lois. Who taught you? Name some of the people in your lives that helped you on your faith journeys – such as teachers, parents, ministers, and elders at your church. Have everyone write or draw a thank you to one of these people. Mail or hand deliver the notes.

Prayer *Caring God, we are grateful that Love, within and all around us, is strong enough to hold all of our feelings. May we create this home as a safe place and welcome all that we are into it. Amen.*

Chatfield UMC and Chatfield Center For the Arts Collaborations

We continue to be involved in the Chatfield Center for the Arts. This is a photo of Elizabeth Schieffelbein, Sydney and Peyton Ellis and Ellie Collett who helped move costumes from one room into two other rooms in preparation for the summer musical. Elizabeth, Sydney and Peyton were also involved in the musical as Silly Girls.



Later this year a new program in collaboration with CCFA will begin. This program is designed for those who are caring for loved ones who have special needs. The caregiver and the loved one will be able to participate in a once a month activity to promote creativity and relationship building.

The program is being funded through a grant from People's Energy Coop Operation Roundup. More details to follow.



Thank you to all who helped make Western Days a wonderful success. Once again we sold out of pies early on Sunday to the disappointment of some. At one point on Saturday a piece of Strawberry Rhubarb was being auctioned for \$20+ dollars but the person who originally claimed it was not giving it up.

Thank you for making the weekend a time of rewarding work as we raised money for the ministry of Chatfield UMC and its missions.

Interesting Story

CHAMPION HYMN: "Holy, Holy, Holy!" emerged from a MarchMadness-style tournament as "the greatest hymn of all time." More than 800 people, mostly from the 1,200-member Hymn Society, voted during the competition, which featured brackets similar to those created for the NCAA basketball tournament. "Holy, Holy, Holy!" trounced "Amazing Grace," 70 to 30 percent, in the second round (ReligiousNewsService, July 19).

Praying for One Another

Prayers requested for the following individuals: Gaylon Amy, Phyllis Amy, Thelma Barker, Mabel Beach, Braxton Bernard, Joanne Finley, Marian Gartner, Janice Haug, Pat Hill, Betty Johnson, Kari Kremer, Ginny Kremer, Kathie Priebe, Marge Scott, Kael Simpson, Phyllis Waadevig, Dolly Zincke.

As you read this, BrookLynn Johnson will be at University of Wisconsin - Lacrosse beginning her college studies. This is the speech she gave during worship as she was awarded the Leonard Bernard Scholarship.



“How do you plan to make a difference in the world?” by BrookLynn Johnson

If I could measure the content of my life, I would measure it in the amount of people's lives I have made a difference in. I believe that is what we, as humans, are here for. In this life, our purpose is to help each other through the things we endure throughout our lives. Many of the paths we take in life are not chosen by us, but rather they are chosen for us. How we choose to go through each path is a huge predictor to how our lives will turn out. However, the people that guide us down these paths play the biggest role in how we turn out. I would not be where I am today if it were not for the people in my life who have been there for me. The only thing I can do in hopes of repaying them back is helping others in the same way they have helped me, and that is how I plan on making a difference in the world.

At the University of Wisconsin - Lacrosse I am planning on majoring in social work. After I achieve my degree I want to use it to find a job where I can help others who have barriers or challenges they may not be able to conquer alone. This work force coincides with my belief of why we are here, to help each other through the things we endure in life. This job is another way I can pay it forward and repay the people who have helped me through my difficult times in my life. I would like to specialize in helping children. The most vital time in a person's life to make a change is while they are children. A childhood can shape a person's outlook of life forever. Knowing that I could have the power to help someone turn their life in a completely different direction is an incredible feeling, and a power that I plan to use. I am not certain on what the future has in store for me or what paths I will take, but I am certain that the career I choose for my life will not only help others, but also make a difference in their lives. By making a difference in just one person's world, I will make a difference in everyone else's world around them. Helping others has such a strong domino effect that can start amazing things by simply just helping one person. I will make a difference in the world, by helping one person at a time.

This year, Jacob Gillespie will receive the Leonard Bernard Scholarship he was awarded his senior year of high school. Jacob is attending St. Cloud State.



Remember to keep these students in your prayers.

Scanning for Dollars

Have you noticed the funny little graphic in the newsletter and bulletins? The one that looks like this:

If you have a smart phone, you can scan that little graphic and be directed to a page on our website where you can give a gift using your credit or debit card. It is one of the new ways of giving that has been set up for our church. You can give directly on the website or to the church Facebook page. We are not, yet, planning on having a giving kiosk in the narthex or a person standing outside the doors of worship with a payment device for swiping.

But we are trying to find all the ways we can to capture the good-hearted people who want to give to the ministry of this church but no longer carry checkbooks or remember to bring their offerings on Sunday morning.

If you don't have a smart phone, you can simply visit chatfieldumc.org/donations to donate as well!



Giving Opportunities

Roaster Insert Pans

Do you have a rectangle shaped roaster pan or roaster pan insert that is not being used? You may donate them to the church for use during Western Days and other food events.

Medical Equipment

The Medical Equipment Loan closet is used constantly. Please bring your gently used equipment to the church. Others will be grateful.

Noisy Offering

Pocket change is collected on the first Sunday of every month by the children. This collection supports missions.

Greeting Cards

Are available in the fellowship hall. Each box sells for \$5.00. The sale of these cards supports future mission trips.

Books and Beverages 2019-2020

Meeting @ JAC's 7:00 PM on Wednesdays

September 25th

The Devil Came Down to China Town Christine Taylor

In the late 1800s thousands of Chinese women sailed to America's West Coast. Many of them were enslaved as soon as they stepped off the freighters and were forced into prostitution -- This book is a true story about the courageous Christians who risked everything to help free San Francisco's brothel slaves.

October 23rd

Working Class Rage : A Field Guide to White Anger and Pain Tex Sample

White working-class people are the canary in the mine: this group begs for a richer, more nuanced portrait if they are to be loved and impacted by Christian faith and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

December 4th

The Garden of Lost and Found Harriet Evans

Nightingale House was the Horner family's beloved home - a gem of design created to inspire happiness - and it was here Ned painted The Garden of Lost and Found, capturing his children on a perfect day, playing in the rambling Eden he and Liddy made for them.

One magical moment. Before it all came tumbling down...

January 29th

Eleanor: A Spiritual Biography Harold Ivan Smith

Eleanor Roosevelt is remembered as a formidable first lady and tireless social activist. Often overlooked, however, is her deep and inclusive spirituality.

LENT BEGINS February 26 with Ash Wednesday Books and Beverages resumes after Lent

April 22nd

Threading My Prayer Rug Sabeeha Rehman

Beginning with a sweetly funny, moving account of her arranged marriage, the author undercuts stereotypes and offers the refreshing view of an American life through Muslim eyes.

May 20th

Save Me the Plums By Ruth Reichl

Complete with recipes, Save Me the Plums is a personal journey of a woman coming to terms with being in charge and making a mark, following a passion and holding on to her dreams—even when she ends up in a place she never expected to be.

Service Trip To Louisiana

Pastor Debra and Steve are going to the first week.

A Minnesota Conference trip to the UMCOR Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana is planned for Jan. 12-24, 2020. Join the group to help serve at this clearing house for UMCOR relief supplies. The trip is open to people age 18 and over.

You can select one week (Jan. 12-17 or Jan. 19-24) or both. Cost is \$250/week for housing and food. A \$50 deposit is due when you register. You'll need to find your own transportation to and from Baldwin.

Persons can pack and verify cleaning buckets and hygiene kits in the depot, work in the campus garden, or serve in the community at a thrift store, senior housing complex, or by doing minor home repair. Evening activities include a campfire, worship, and general relaxation. Nearby attractions are Avery Island, Cajun and Creole museums, the Whitney Plantation, and the WWII Museum (in New Orleans.)

Register on line at



<https://www.minnesotaumc.org/eventdetail/12826582>

You can use the church computers to register. These spots will fill up fast!

Cost: \$250 per week includes meals and lodging; travel is not included.

Lodging: Participants stay in the lodge

Deadline: December 31, 2019 12:00 AM

Working with God in the World and Community

Steve Strickler
Food Shelf Coordinator
chatfieldfoodshelf@gmail.com

Denise Pagel
Weekend Backpack & Library
Lunch Coordinator: denpag@q.com

The food shelf has remained active during the summer months. We decided to try a subscription to a Community Supported Agriculture Share from Earth Dance Farms. It has been a joy to be able to provide fresh vegetables to our clients. We have also received many dozen eggs which are a welcome addition to the food shelf offerings.

Being able to supply clients with farm fresh products is one of the advantages of being a rural/small town food shelf.

Food Donation List

Cereal
Pasta and sauce
Pancake Mix
Hamburger Helper
TunaHelper
Canned soup
Canned meat
Canned fruit
Canned vegetables
Peanut Butter
Canned tuna

Food Shelf Open
Tuesdays 6-7:30 pm
Fridays 9-10:30am

Donations can be brought to Chatfield United Methodist Church,
124 Winona Street SE, 8am-8pm

CHATFIELD COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF MISSION STATEMENT

Chatfield Community Food Shelf exists to provide food supplies in a manner that preserves the dignity and respect of families and individuals who are residents of Chatfield and the Chatfield rural community. Chatfield Community Food Shelf serves individuals and families regardless of their race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, ancestry, creed, religion, sexual orientation, physical appearance, disability status, age, pregnancy or any group membership.



Noon Meals Available to senior adults through Meals on Wheels. Call 507-864-8228 to be enrolled.

Chatfield UMC is a Meals on Wheels Volunteer Driver location. If you would like to drive for MOWs contact Kathy Kamnetz: 763-355-4619

*The Chatfield Community Food Shelf
served 26 households in July 2019 and
distributed 1353 pounds of food.*

This Summer Denise Pagel and her capable crew served **867**

Library Lunches on Wednesday and Fridays. This is an important summer service to our community! Children can enjoy a nutritious lunch with friends and family members as they participate in the wonderful programs at our beautiful library.

Thank you, Denise & Crew!

Making connections:

You may reach Pastor Debra Collum in a number of ways:

- Call the Church-867-3529 (Please leave a message if no one is in)
- Call her cell phone-(507) 923.1097.
(Again, you can leave a message if no one answers.)
- E-mail her at: chatifiedpastor@gmail.com

Mailing Address is:

Chatfield United Methodist Church
124 Winona St. SE Chatfield, MN 55923

Web Site: www.chatfieldumc.org

The Pastor is always available for home visitations and counseling whenever requested, as well as hospital visits when notified. Please keep her informed of your needs as she is here to respond. She does try to take Fridays off during the week.

Tyler Grundman, the administrative assistant and IT guru would like to know if you change your address or phone or any other additions or changes for the church records: call, email, or leave a note in the office with the new information. Phone numbers & **EMAILS** are helpful!

Contact Tyler in the church office: 867-3529 or
webmaster@chatfieldumc.org

He is usually in the office on Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm

September Birthdays	
6	Ronald Hill
8	Janice Haug Cadance Ristau
9	Derek Kenneth Jerry Hamm
10	John Martinka
11	Frank Churchward Isabelle VonWald
13	Kelsey Wooner
15	Andy Waadevig
17	Abbie Gillespie
21	Max Fleming
24	Sandy Bratcher Colton Johnson Doris Narveson
26	Richard Halloran
27	Julie Tienter Haley Wooner
29	Lauren Hare



UMW Officers for 2019

Chatfield United Methodist Women

Faith+Hope+Love in Action

Over 75 Years

Co-President: Pam Nelson 867-3086

Co-President: Denise Pagel 273-3188

Secretary: Donna Amundson 867-3788

Treasurer: Kathy Lange 867-3590

Christian Social Involvement / "Sunshine": Marlene Hisey 867-3457

Nominating Committee: Doris Narveson 867-4462 Juanita Haare 202-0000

UMW Meetings

September Meeting on Wednesday the 4th - 10:00 am At Chatfield UMC

Hostess: Sandy Bratcher

Election of Officers

Sep 21 - River Valley District Fall Gathering

At Christ UMC in Rochester 8:45am - 2:30pm – September 21

Speaker – Brenda Blair, Project Mondema in Sierra Leone

Cost: \$12, includes lunch.

Contact Denise Pagel if interested.

October Meeting - 1:30pm - at Chosen Valley Care Center

Hostess: Denise Pagel

October 12 – Conference Annual Gathering

Centennial UMC in St. Paul



Women's Night Out

(Formerly Mother Daughter Banquet)

September 18 6:30 PM

Tickets: Adults- \$12.00

12 and Under- \$6.00

Musical Entertainment following the meal

**Tickets available at Roy's Barber Shop, Church Office or
from Lowell Stephas**

Parish Health

Questions? Ask Beverly Simpson simpbev@gmail.com 507-867-0064

The Gathering Place for Seniors

Chatfield United Methodist Church, 124 Winona St. SE, Chatfield, MN 55923

Medical Equipment Loan Closet

Walkers, Crutches, Canes, Wheelchairs, Bath Benches, Toilet Risers & Surrounds, Lift Chair, Bed
Rails available for loan. Free for as long as you need the equipment.

8 A.M.-8 P.M., M - F. Call Beverly Simpson @ 507-867-0064 to ask about availability of equipment.

**SUPPORT GROUPS WILL RESUME IN THE FALL. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE DURING THE
SUMMER CONTACT BEV SIMPSON OR PASTOR DEBRA**

Senior Support Group

Second Friday of each month 9 A.M - 10 A.M.

1102 Liberty Street N.W.

at Chosen Valley Independent Living Dining Room

(Participants discuss issues related to growing older, healthy living, and caregiving)

Please join us for coffee and conversation!

Beverly Simpson, Facilitator

Living After Cancer Support Group

Second Tuesday of each month 11 A.M. - 12 P.M.

124 Winona St. SE, Chatfield, MN 55923

at Chatfield United Methodist Church *Gathering Place*

(Participants share current health issues while surviving cancer)

Please join us for coffee and conversation!

Beverly Simpson, Facilitator

Age Well At Home - Fillmore County

Active Aging Programs - Questions? Call Tina Kerns @ 251-0520 tkerns@ccsomm.org

Fit and Strong

Strengthen your bones, improve your balance, and have more energy.

This FREE activity program to prevent osteoporosis is led by Active Aging Programs Volunteers

9 A.M. Mondays & Wednesdays

St. Mary's Catholic Church Fellowship Hall, 405 Twiford St. SW Co-

Leaders: Mary Bailey & Beverly Simpson

Seasoned Seniors Potluck

(for anyone 62 and older) at the Thurber Building Senior Room 11:30 A.M.,

4th Friday each month

Program following meal (Main course provided)

WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS

2019 COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

January	Trustees Committee
February	SPRC Committee
March	Worship Committee
April	Missions Committee
May	Health Cabinet & Memorial Committee
June	No Coffee Fellowship
July	No Coffee Fellowship
August	No Coffee Fellowship
September	Trustees Committee
October	SPRC Committee
November	Worship Committee
December	Missions Committee

WORSHIP READERS

September 1	Bill Wright
September 8- Bless the Backpack	Sydney Ellis
September 15	Roberta Copeman
September 22	Bev Simpson
September 29- Bless the Years	Sheila Erickson

ALTAR GUILD

Please check our website for this belated information, sorry for the inconvenience.

USHER LIST

January	Gary & Denise Pagel, John Amundson, Kyra Throckmorton
February	Lee & Staria Kester, Kent Gillespie, Sydney Ellis
March	Mike & Bev Simpson, Scott Ferguson, Peyton Ellis
April	Roy & Kathy Lange, Ellie Collett
May	Dwaine & Kathy Kamnetz, Olivia Hare
June	Bill Collett, Juanita Haare, Madison Collett
July	Roy Erickson, Kent Gillespie
August	Pam & Rod Nelson, Tom Ferrier
September	Myron & Sandy Maker, Aliesha Hanson
October	John & Holly Martinka
November	John & Ruth Wendt, Kyra Throckmorton
December	Tyler & Mary Beth Nelson, Olivia Hare

September 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Fire Extinguisher Inspection Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost – Green 9:30am Worship 9:30am Gluten & Alcohol- Free Communion	2 9am SAIL	3 6pm Food Shelf Open	4 8am Quilts & Crafts 9am SAIL 10am UMW General Meeting 12pm Ministerial	5 6pm Aerobics	6	7
8 Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost 9:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 11am SPRC	9 9am SAIL	10 11am Cancer Support Group 6pm Food Shelf Open	11 8am Quilts & Crafts 9am SAIL 1:30pm Care Center Worship with Communion	12 6pm Aerobics	13 9am Food Shelf Open 9am Sr Support Group	14
15 Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost – Green 9:30am Bless the Backpacks 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am Mission Committee	16 Meals on Wheels Begins 9am SAIL	17 6pm Food Shelf Open	18 8am Quilts & Crafts 9am SAIL 6:30pm Mother Daughter Banquet	19 6pm Aerobics	20 9am Food Shelf Open Meals on Wheels Last Day	21 RV District Fall Gathering – UMC Rochester 10am Bluebird Picnic
22 Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost – Green 9:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School	23 9am SAIL	24 6pm Food Shelf Open 7pm Ad Council	25 8am Quilts & Crafts 9am SAIL 7pm Books and Beverages	26 6pm Aerobics	27 9am Food Shelf Open	28 Rochester Pride
29 Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost 9:30am Bless the Years 9:30am Worship	30 9am SAIL					



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Sunday Celebrations

8th

Beginning of Sunday School

15th

Bless the Back Packs

29th

Bless the Years

Women's Night Out

September 18

6:30 PM

**Tickets available at the church, Roy's
Barber Shop or from Lowell Stephas**

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 am
Worship

9:30 am
Sunday School

10:30 am
Coffee Fellowship

**Gluten Free Communion on the
first Sunday open to all**

Chatfield United Methodist Church

**We are a community of faith open to everyone.
We seek to live as disciples of Christ and share God's
love in word and deed.**