

October 2019



Interconnectedness. Intersectionality. Interrelated. Integrated.
Circle of Life.

We are starting to celebrate and recognize and honor the ways the web of life actually works in our world.

We are starting to understand that a drop of rain on our crops makes a difference to the economy of a child in China.

We are beginning to appreciate that if we want one part of the world to work well we have to also pay attention to the whole.

We are beginning to see the signs of hope when we act on our intentions to care for the planet on which we live. And we are seeing the signs of destruction in the places we haven't.

As we draw our spiritual minds and hearts toward the Season of Creation during October, we will be reminded through our words, our prayers, our songs, and our reflections how much we are called to pay attention and act and even react to the interconnectedness of our lives with others.

We begin our celebration of the Season of Creation with a contemplation of Ocean. There are some in our midst who have never seen an ocean. My grandmother collected shells, from the ocean. She had hundreds. People would bring them to her from their own trips to oceans all over the world. But Grandma had never seen an ocean herself. Isn't that incredible? She cared deeply about oceans even though she had never seen one. That is what we are called to, in our care of creation. Even though places we haven't seen and may never see can still be important to us. Can still be meaningful to us.

It seems kind of silly to begin Season of Creation with Oceans when we live in the Midwest about as far from an ocean as you can get. Yet, this challenge to care for something so far removed from our experience is exactly what God calls us to when we are told to care and stewards of creation.

If we can realize that what we do in the middle of the Midwest has bearing on the vast drops of water in the ocean, we can begin to understand and honor the interconnectedness of this amazing planet we live on.

If we decide to use a few less plastic bags and are careful about how we dispose of non-biodegradable petroleum products because we see that fish in the ocean ingest them and turtles are caught in the rings of soda bottles, then we can begin to understand the vast interconnectedness of all God's creatures. THEN we can begin to understand and honor how important our own lives are. We aren't just a small cog in a big wheel, we are an important cog in that wheel and if we don't take care of our little place in the planet the whole thing can go off the rails and be ruined.

Greta Thunberg, a 16-year-old environmental activist from Sweden said:

"You will constantly feel like you are not doing enough. That is a very dangerous feeling to feel especially when you are actually doing everything you can."

Do everything thing that you can, because your little bit makes a huge difference. You are, after all, the Creator's beloved child. That is no small thing.

Hope and Peace, Pastor Debra



October 6: Ocean Sunday

Job 38:1-18 *Do you comprehend the breadth of the earth?*

Something to Think About: God is present in many aspects of our world and our lives. At times we find God close – like gentle waves lapping at our feet – and at other times God seems vast, impenetrable, overwhelming, like a stormy ocean crashing on the rocks. How do you experience God like the ocean? How does God appear in the depths of our lives?

Prayer *The oceans are far from me, God. Yet, water is as close as my tap. This is like you, isn't it? Far away and yet so very close. Help me to see your vastness and your intimacy. Amen*

October 13: Fauna and Flora Sunday

Luke 12:22–31 & Psalm 104:14–23 *For life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing.*

Something to Think About: A theme runs through all of this week's readings; God has things in hand if only we will get out of the way. What is at issue is recognizing that God's plans for the universe are better than ours. This is a profound reality to encounter in light of animals going extinct due to human actions, reefs dying due to global warming, and plants being genetically modified to produce "better" yields. What are some of the consequences when we step into God's way?

Prayer: *You have told us not to worry, yet the world is becoming more and more polluted and the air we breathe is less and less healthy. How do we stop for worrying? What do you want us to do?*

October 20: Storm Sunday

Job 28:20-27 & Luke 8:22-25 *When God gave wind its movement, and measured the breadth and depth of the waters, and made the rules for rain and designed paths for lightning,*

Something to Think About: God's wisdom is different than we might have at first thought. For example, one can see the gospel story as a straightforward story of Jesus calming a storm, and this can be encouraging for us should we find ourselves on a boat with him, albeit sleeping but physically present. However, the story becomes much richer and beneficial if we step back and see it metaphorically: we can immediately recognize Jesus with us in the many "storms" of life, comforting us perhaps, affirming us, and challenging us when necessary. Does God's wisdom enable us to understand the nature of the storm and its effect on our lives? Probably not. But God's wisdom – through the foolishness of our own faith – can empower us in the greatest of upheavals. How is God present in the stormy moments of your life? How does knowing that God is with you get you through?

Prayer *As the song says, 'when the storms of life are raging, stand by me'. God, you who I want beside me throughout all my storms. Thank you.*

October 27: Cosmos Sunday

Proverbs 8:22–31 & Colossians 1:15-20 *When the foundation of the earth was laid out, I was the skilled artisan standing next to the Almighty.*

Something to Think About: God is someone who works side-by-side with Wisdom in a collaborative, creative process, and is also the one who offers eternal life – something we readily want to grasp, but which is, after all, quite incomprehensible. Such is the nature of a cosmic God!

Prayer *We don't often think about Wisdom as a part of the creating nature of God. Remind us when we look at all God has created how much Wisdom played a role. Remind us so that we can honor even more deeply all that is God's.*

Slice of Life: An Experience for Senior and Care Givers



Care givers and their loved ones, along with any senior adult members of the Chatfield community are invited to Slice of Life (Seniors and Loved Ones, Interactive, Chatfield, Experiences). A program that will explore something in Chatfield that can stimulate communication, imagination, story creating, and artistic expression.

According to Wikipedia “slice of life” means constructing a story that has no plot, conflict or ending. This is our goal for each gathering. Each session will be designed and facilitated by trained persons who will guide an open-ended discussion and activity so that all participants are able to engage at whatever level they are capable and willing to contribute. A short devotional thought will also be presented as a part of the program.

Sessions will include a hands-on creation of some sort that will help to reinforce the creative nature of each individual and allow them a sense of pride in their ability to be creative at whatever level is possible.

Pastor Debra Collum and Beverly Simpson will co-host the program. Speakers and programs will be contracted from those who have a special interest for the people of Chatfield and have experiences that seniors will find enlightening and stimulating.

Slice of Life is supported by a grant from the Round Up program of People’s Coop. There is no fee for the participants.

Anyone who would like to attend these sessions is welcome. If you have questions you may call the Chatfield UMC at 507-867-3529 or email Pastor Debra Collum at chatfieldpastor@gmail.com

Slice of Life Schedule for 2019-2020

Thursday November 7	Joy of Flowers	Big Girl Stickers and Stems
Tuesday January 7	Experience the Coffee	Cabin Coffee
Tuesday February 4	Ring Out the Winter Blues	Chatfield Lutheran Church
Tuesday March 3	Colors as Emotions	Chatfield Center for the Arts
Tuesday April 7	Europe without a Passport	St. Mary’s Catholic Church
Tuesday May 5	TBA	



Do you want to be part of a movement to heal a broken world? If so, we invite you to join us for this dynamic and experiential training!

Minnesota EarthKeepers are excited to partner with Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light (MNIPL) to offer this training in effective organizing for faith communities. Participants will learn how to invite the gifts and skills of those in their community to build a more just and sustainable world.

We will reflect on the theological resources of our faith tradition(s) and practice the skills we need to sustain and broaden our mission of healing and hope, particularly as it relates to creation care and environmental justice in our communities. We welcome people of all faith traditions to join us for one of these training events:

EarthKeepers/Be the Spark Training
Christ UMC in Rochester
400 5th Ave. SW, Rochester MN
Sundays, 2-7 p.m., October 20
and November 3, 2019

\$60 registration fee. Scholarships are available.

I have been certified and called as a UMC EarthKeeper. The work I do with Project Get Outdoors is recognized by the Earthkeeper program as one of my environmental projects.

On Tuesday afternoons from 3-5 you will find me at the high school leading 3rd and 4th graders in games, activities and projects outdoors! Getting kids outdoors has been proven to benefit children in many, many ways. This fall our curriculum includes: monarch tagging and prairie sweeping (I made sweep nets. I can tell you how if you want) and prairie seed collections, intro to fish ID and electro shocking of the trout stream in town, actual fishing and stream studies in our local trout stream, a visit to an organic farm to harvest late season produce and make apple cider, archery, and a visit to Pope and Young the archery museum in town.

You too can become an EarthKeeper, the training will be offered in Rochester. See the side ad for more information.

Books and Beverages 2019-2020

Meeting @ JAC's 7:00 PM on Wednesdays

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 by 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.

Downtown Trick or Treat Safety Guards Needed

October 31 2:30-5:00 PM



All Young People and Adults are needed to help the children cross the busy Hwy 52 throughout Downtown Chatfield

Safety Vests and Flags are provided, as well as snacks and times to warm up
Headquarters will be at the Bailiwick parking lot where

we will also hand out candy on behalf of the church.

An excuse pass for early outs will be sent to all Junior and Senior High Students.

Over 500 children and adults pass through Chatfield Downtown trick or treating.

What a great opportunity for a service of Love for our children!

Joint Trustee and Ad Council Meeting October 9 @ 7 PM. We will be discussing the possibility of a new church governance structure. Anyone who is interested in the stewardship of the church is welcome to attend.

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

With the beginning of the school year we have seen an increase in the number of families using the food shelf. We are so thankful that we can be a resource for families as they get their children ready for school.

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.***

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

October Birthdays

2	Betty Johnson
3	Jolene Dornack
4	Darrell Bacon Starla Kester Gary Pagel
6	Donald Amy Tena Churchward Jessica Halloran
8	Carly Fitzgerald
10	Joshua Waadevig
15	Michael Vreeman
16	Sarah Waadevig
18	Cadyn Musel
20	Nathan Amy Emily Fitzgerald
21	Jacob Bale Dave Zincke
27	Ann Halloran
28	Marjorie Scott
31	Jeanne Ferguson

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. **This cost will be covered by the Mission Team fund for those from the church who would like to go on the trip.**

Lodging: Participants stay in the lodge

Deadline: December 31, 2019 12:00 AM



Chatfield United Methodist Women

Faith+Hope+Love in Action

Over 75 Years

Christian Social Involvement / "Sunshine": Marlene Hisey 867-3457
Nominating Committee: Doris Narveson 867-4462 Juanita Haare 202-0000

UMW Officers for 2019

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

October 3rd

Meeting - 1:30pm at Chosen Valley Care Center

Hostess: Denise Pagel

October 12th

Conference Annual Gathering Centennial UMC in St. Paul

November Meeting - 1:30pm

Hostess: Sandy Wright

World Thank Offering

Bring Thank Offering

Gather New Information for UMW Book

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.

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.

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

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

October 6	Peyton Ellis
October 13	Holly Martinka
October 20	Olivia Hare
October 27	Kyra Throckmorton

ALTAR GUILD

Thank you to the Altar Guild for so faithfully dressing the altar, your time is appreciated!

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost – Green 9:30am Bless The Years 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Worship	9am SAIL	10:30am Slice of Life 3pm Project Go 6pm Food Shelf Open	1 8am Quilts & Crafts 9am SAIL 12pm Ministerial Pastor Deb Camping Begins	2 1:30pm UMW @ Chosen Valley Care Center 2:30-5pm Downtown Trick or Treat Guards Needed	3 9am Food Shelf Open	4 UMW Conference Annual Gathering Centennial UMC in St. Paul
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost – Green 9:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 11am Worship Committee	6 9am SAIL	7 3pm Project Go 6pm Food Shelf Open 6pm Trustees	8 8am Quilts & Crafts 9am SAIL 1:30pm Care Center Worship	9 9am Food Shelf Open 9am Sr Support Group	10 UMW Conference Annual Gathering Centennial UMC in St. Paul	11 12
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Tuesday Oct. 1 10:30 AM

Slice of Life

Chatfield Historical Museum



Downtown Trick or Treat Crossing

Guard Duty

Oct. 31st 2:45-5:00pm

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.**