



Chatfield United Methodist Church

Epiphany Sunday

CELEBRATING A
DEBT FREE ABUNDANT
MINISTRY

January 5

9:30 AM

*Burning the mortgage
Chalking the Doorways
Sung Communion*



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This is the Advent Letter I sent out to folkx this year. Because it mentions the people of Chatfield UMC I thought you might like to read it.

Advent 2019

I have been a United Methodist minister for over 25 years. There have been some constancies in these years, preaching, teaching, confirmation classes, service trips, record keeping...Enough to develop a rhythm that defines most days. Yet, one of the joys of ministry is that each day will bring a new challenge or joy and each place of ministry will bring personalities and uniqueness that opens doors to growth and possibilities. Here is a little recap of the year that I traveled with my husband of eight plus years. I love how Steve and I have woven together our lives into a rich story of loving, serving and being together.

I took my grandchildren on a week-long trip to a cabin near the north shore in Minnesota. The cabin came equipped with wide bottom kayaks. At first I was hesitate to allow them to venture into the lake in those kayaks. But this was one of those quintessential northern lakes, blue as blue, clear as clear, and shallow for quite a ways out from shore. The wide bottoms meant it would take some doing to tip those kayaks. Lillian the oldest at 11, watched a YouTube video to teach herself how to handle the kayak. She and I took a long trip into the lake. Matthew a nine year old who is Julianne's boyfriend's Michael's son, listened to the adults as they instructed him from the dock. After a few false starts, he was paddling short distances from the dock. Owen, also 9, and a bit independent and dominate on his left, listened, did what we told him and ended up beaching the kayak. Finally, he had enough and just did it himself. And became quite adventurous.

Isn't it just amazing to watch young children learn new skills and learn to enjoy life in a whole different way? I want to never, ever lose that wonder and delight in life. I never, ever want to lose sight of the possibilities even after 25 years of doing something.

In January I participated in a study cruise which took me to the island of Roatan near Honduras. Snorkeling is one of the joys in life. I don't really like swimming, but a flotation device, snorkel gear and warm salt water changes the whole dynamic. To see, with my own eyes, the wonder of life under the sea is brilliant. This snorkeling adventure was led by a woman who, not only provides some of the best snorkeling experiences, but also gives her clients the opportunity to visit a little village 'off the beaten path'. Here she encourages the children to keep their village clean by offering them rewards for bags of trash which she collects and removes from the village. She also encourages them to pursue their dreams by offering them jobs as nature interpreters and dive companions. Besides meeting the village children, we also ate lunch at the home of a widow and her daughters. Traditional, simple island food and the best key lime pie was shared around her porch table. I was so inspired by the guide's ethic and desire to bring economic strength to this little village. It is these types of stories and adventures that give me hope.

Here at home, in Chatfield, I am seeing men and women of my own 'village' working hard to start businesses, mentor students, run theater programs and engage in care of neighbor. Six years ago when we started the

feeding ministries out of Chatfield UMC we didn't realize how much need there was in our community and how much support we would receive from the community! From elementary students to scouts to local businesses, we are never in need of the resources it takes to keep a food shelf, a weekend back pack program, a school snack program and a summer lunch program abundantly stocked. We never have to turn away anyone. It is such an amazing thing. Steve does an exceptional job of keeping the food shelf running smoothly and volunteers motivated to continue working. Seeing people coming together to serve neighbor is exactly what Jesus envisioned the kingdom of heaven would be like. It is humbling to be a part of that work.

This fall, with Bev Simpson, I began a new ministry to introduce adults in the community to mindfulness and creativity using Chatfield as the teaching tool. I received a generous grant from the local energy cooperative and partnerships with the businesses in town. The idea is to explore a topic without resorting to 'remembering when'. To learn to experience an activity as if this is the first time you have experienced it. To pay attention to the right here, right now. This is, hopefully, going to help us all as we live with memory decline or care for those who have memory loss. Instead of valuing what we remember, we are learning to value what we experience in the moment. Each session includes an activity centered on creativity. Relearning how to delight in our creativity as adults is a great exercise in joy and hope.

And don't we all need more joy and hope in our lives? As I am surrounded by many, many nativity scenes in my house, some from my travels and some given to me as gifts, this is the message of the nativity story: that into our dark and messed up world God was willing to bring hope and joy. And each culture can interpret that story in a unique way that speaks light into their particular darkness.

So even in the midst of this dark and messed up world I refuse to give up on hope and joy, if God can gift it to us, knowing all the God knows, it would be silly for me to refuse that kind of gift. And I hope that this year will be the year that enough of us say, "I will believe in hope and joy. I will live as if hope and joy actually exist in this world. Whatever I do, I will do it so that others can experience hope and joy."

And then, I believe, we will begin to see even more of God's kingdom come on earth.

Hope and Peace,

Debra (& Steve, although this was written from Debra's perspective this year)



*Pastor Debra and Steve
would like to thank
everyone for your gifts
and kindnesses at
Christmas. Serving
Chatfield UMC is such a
privilege and joy for us.
Thank you.*

Living the Seasons at Home--Ideas for nurturing faith and discipleship at home

January 5, 2020 – Choose Hope

Matthew 2:1–12 *“They were overjoyed at seeing the star and, upon entering the house, found the child with Mary, his mother.”*

Something to think about, talk about, or do

The word “Epiphany” means “manifest” or “show forth.” The story of the magi invites us to look for ways God’s love is manifested or revealed in our world and then to show love in return as they did.

Who is someone you know who reveals God’s love in a special way? Consider paying this person a visit together. You might bring a handmade gift or treat as a symbol of your love.

Prayer *We are thankful for the ways Love is present around us. May love shine out from our words and actions. Amen.*

January 12, 2020 – Loved--Baptism of Jesus

Matthew 3:13–17 *“This is my Own, my Beloved, on whom my favor rests.”*

Something to think about, talk about, or do As God’s creation, we are beloved children, and God seeks to have a relationship with us. We see this in the story of Jesus’ baptism when God claims Jesus as his son. Watch the video <https://www.bible.com/en-GB/videos/99-baptism-of-jesus-from-bibleseries-dot-tv> Tell the stories of your baptism or your children’s baptisms. Show pictures if you have them.

January 19, 2020 – Called

Isaiah 49:1–7 *“I will make you the light of the nations, so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”*

Something to think about, talk about, or do

Consider the lighthouse: it stands at the edge of the land ready to face any weather that may come its way. The one job a lighthouse has is to shine, guide, and protect. So it is with us, we are given by God as a “light to the nations” according to Isaiah. We are called, to let the light of God’s love reach the ends of the Earth.

Consider and share how we are a light to the world. Are we shining brightly? Are we too bright?

January 26, 2020 – Follow

Matthew 4:12–23 *“Large crowds followed Jesus, coming from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the Transjordan.”*

Something to think about, talk about, or do

Simon Peter and Andrew gave up everything to follow Jesus, just because they were invited. They left their livelihood as fishers to follow where Jesus would lead. The story suggests that they didn’t even question, rather “immediately they left their nets and followed him.”

Watch all of Matthew 4 with scenes from the Holy Land: <https://www.bible.com/videos/3130-matthew-4-from-lumoproject-dot-com>

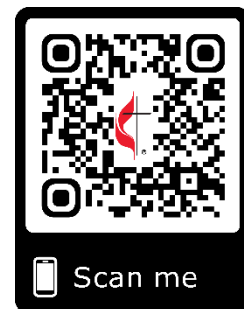
Scanning for Dollars

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.

Light A Candle Offering: A New Giving Tradition

During January we will offer the opportunity to give to a special offering that will be used to honor or remember special loved ones in our life who have been a Light of Christ to us. The envelop inserted in the newsletter can be used to designate your gift. For every \$25 given to the Light A Candle Offering a candle will be lit in the sanctuary. As we celebrate together the coming of the Light of Christ into the world, we will light a candle to remember or honor those who have been special lights, a reflection of Christ, in our own lives. May this be the start of a year of faithful giving to the work and ministry of Chatfield UMC.



Financial Peace University Starting Thursday, Jan 30- March 26 —\$99 registration

Meeting weekly on Thursday at 6:00pm at **Chatfield Lutheran Church**

Each session will be 90 minutes with video presentations and discussion

Learn how to manage your money. It's the class that teaches you how to:

Pay off debt; Budget; Save Money; Give Generously Go to fpu.com/1108392 to register.

Looking ahead: Ad Council will meet on Tuesday night February 4th to approve a budget and look at ministry plans for the coming year. All are welcome to attend this meeting

Thank you cards we received from a morning of Christmas Caroling.

We went to the Care Center and then to a few homes.



From Joanne Finely

Carolers of the Church, Thank you so much for all your beautiful carol you sang to I and Jerry at our country home on December 15. Our son Jan and daughter in law, Mona, were with us to hear too. Thank you so much.

Merry Christmas, Joanne and Jerry Finley

From Inge Jackson:

Thank you for the bottom of my heart for coming to my house to sing Christmas songs. I am wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Love to Everyone, Inge Jackson

NEW MEMBERS

We have received 2 new members both transfers from Pine Island UMC

Mildred Fuchs & Fay Colgan

Both reside in Assisted Living at Chosen Valley Care Center and both have roots in Chatfield.

Welcome to the church Millie and Fay!



Books and Beverages

Please note Changed to Thursdays and the addition of February and March Group Dates

January 30th

Eleanor: A Spiritual Biography by 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.

February 27th

Olive Again by Elizabeth Strout

Pulitzer Prize winner Elizabeth Strout continues the life of her beloved Olive Kitteridge, a character who has captured the imaginations of millions of readers.

March 26th

TBA

April 23rd

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 21st

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.

January 5 Epiphany Sunday 9:30 Worship

We will be celebrating a debt free and abundant ministry together. Come and help us burn a mortgage, chalk the doors of our sanctuary and celebration Holy Communion.

Pastor Debra Away in January

From January 9- 27 Pastor Debra and Steve will be away on a Service Trip to the UMCOR Depot in Baldwin Louisiana followed by a birding/camping vacation in South Texas.

Pastor Donna Martinson will be leading worship on January 12 & 19. Debra and Donna are close friends. She will also be staying in the parsonage between Sundays.

On January 26 a video “Toward the Other” by Brian McLaren will be part of the service.

This video explores the question, is our Christian identity built from fear from the other? Christian author and peacemaker Brian McLaren on four challenges - historical, doctrinal, liturgical and missional - to consider for community transformation. Move toward the other - from hostility to hospitality. Music by Restoration Arts Village.

YOUTH NEWS

New Group beginning in January

Last Wednesday Meet Up

January 29th 6:00 supper

For all High School Youth

Supper, Group Discussion, Check Ins, Activities

On the last Wednesday of the month

Supper will be ready at 6. Come as soon as you are able stay for as long as you can.

Invite your friends.

Cost: \$5 per evening for the meal

Confirmation

Confirmation begins in February Students who have not been confirmed who are in the 5th grade and older are invited to this confirmation session.

The first session will be a Confirmand & Parent's meeting February 5 7:00 PM

Confirmation will meet the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays

Supper at 6:00 with sessions beginning at 6:45 until 8:00

Cost \$10 per month for the meal



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

38 families were served by the Chatfield Christmas Project in 2019! This is coordinated by a committee from Chatfield Lutheran and others. As a church we are privileged to participate by sponsoring an number of families and storing the hams until they are needed at the distribution site.

We were also privileged to give many gifts, both fun and practical, including razors, to the Maple Leaf Services adult home in Preston. The residents and care givers really appreciate our gifts to them.

Thank you to all contributed to these community gifts.

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 Food Shelf served 36 households in November and distributed 1969 pounds of food. We also gave away 33 turkeys.

Food came in by the box and cart load all month long in December!



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

December Birthdays	
1	Joshua Ristau
2	Derek Bethel
5	Ashley Ferguson Milly Irish
6	Jaxon Amy
9	Braxton Bernard
14	Aleisha Hanson
17	Tanner Ferrier Wayne Uling
19	Leo Fleming
22	Dorina Johnson
25	Brianna Martinka
28	Hudson James
29	Marissa Hanson
31	Taylor Pagel



Gifts for the Chatfield Christmas Project
&
The Maple Leaf Services Project

A Beautiful Day In the Neighborhood



Sony Pictures invited Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church to produce the faith-based study guide to accompany the movie, “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood.” The film stars Tom Hanks and Matthew Rhys.

Discipleship Ministries produced the official faith-based discussion guide in collaboration with Sony Entertainment. It was written by staff from the Strategic Programming unit and the Office of Communications of Discipleship Ministries. The guide is designed to help groups learn to process feelings, understand forgiveness, talk about hard things, seek reconciliation, and practice positive spiritual discipline.

The discussion guide, as well as a trailer for the film, is available on the film’s website at www.resources.abeautifulday.movie.

Copies are available in the narthex. The original is in the office in Pastor Debra’s mail box if you would like to make a copy.



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

UMW Meeting

January

No General Meeting

- Monday, January 13 kitchen cleaning 9 am.
- Care Center Birthday Party - TBA

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

SAIL

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



Slice of Life
CHATFIELD

Slice of Life

A FREE monthly program for all senior adults
and any of their care givers/loved ones.

Conversation, Stories, Creativity

Tuesday January 7

10:30 AM

Cabin Coffee

Chatfield

Call 507-867-3529 for more information

**16TH ANNUAL
CHATFIELD AREA
EAGLES CANCER TELETHON
SOUP, SUPPER & SILENT AUCTION**

Chatfield United Methodist Church
January 19, 2019
4:30-7:00 PM
124 Winona Street SE



Supper and Silent Auction proceeds will be taken to the telethon after the event and presented to the Eagles Telethon as a donation from the Community of Chatfield

WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS

2020 COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

January	Health Cabinet & Memorial 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	Health Cabinet & Memorial Committee
October	SPRC Committee
November	Worship Committee
December	Missions Committee

WORSHIP READERS

January 5	Bea Zincke
January 12	Sheila Erickson
January 19	Mike Simpson
January 26	Sydney Ellis

ALTAR GUILD

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

2020 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	Dwayne & 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

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	30 Meals on Wheels Begins 9am SAIL	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Years Day 9am SAIL 12pm Ministerial	2	3 9am Food Shelf Open Meals on Wheels Final Day	4
5 9:30am Worship	6 9am SAIL	7 8am Quilts & Craft 10:30am Slice of Life 6pm Food Shelf Open	8 9am SAIL 1:30pm Care Center Worship	9 8pm Debra Service Trip Begins	10 9am Food Shelf Open 9am Sr Support Group	11 4:30pm Cancer Telethon Soup Supper
12 9:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School	13 9am SAIL	14 8am Quilts & Craft 6pm Food Shelf Open	15 9am SAIL	16	17 9am Food Shelf Open Debra Service Trip Ends	18
19 9:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School	20 9am SAIL	21 8am Quilts & Craft 6pm Food Shelf Open	22 9am SAIL 12:30pm Blood Drive	23	24 9am Food Shelf Open	25
26 9:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School	27 9am SAIL	28 8am Quilts & Craft 2:45pm Project Go 6pm Food Shelf Open	29 9am SAIL 6pm Last Wednesday Meet Ups	30 7pm Books & Beverages	31 9am Food Shelf Open	1 10am Chill Fest



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January 2020

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Pastor's E-Mail:

chatfieldpastor@gmail.com

www.chatfieldumc.org

**Chatfield Community
Eagles Cancer Telethon Soup and
Silent Auction
January 11
Chatfield UMC
4:30-7:30 PM**

**Bring items for the silent auction
clearly marked, any time before!**

Be creative!

Be generous!

**Join the community to support
cancer research for a cure**

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.**