

# The Heavenly Herald

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## CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

“And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.” Luke 2:6-7 (ESV)

Every Christmas morning when I was growing up, my family would drive from Connecticut to my Grandparents' house down in Baldwin, NY, near the south shore of Long Island, and we'd usually stay with them until just after New Year's. The six of us from CT were not their only houseguests for the holidays, however; there was also my Great-grandmother (who lived with them permanently), my Aunt and Uncle from Indiana, and a collection of other family & friends who seemed to take turns staying with them. If you're doing the math, that's 11 family members, plus assorted guests, all crammed into one house – and it was not a large house. It was common for there to be several people crammed into rooms, four kids sharing one bed, and people sleeping on the “hide-a-bed” couches in the living room and the den. Once everyone had arrived, there was no place for anyone else.

Bethlehem must have looked like that when Mary and Joseph arrived that first Christmas; not only was the family home packed with relatives, but the whole town would have been packed with people. They had come from every corner of Israel, and possibly even further away, all because of the Roman census ordered by the Emperor Augustus Caesar. Every nook and cranny of the town was filled with distant relatives, and the only space left for pregnant Mary and her husband was the stable with its manger. (For a modern referent, think “out in the garage.”) With all of those people, there was just no place for them.

We all have times in life when it feels like there is no place for us. Sometimes it's a situation where there is physically no room, no place for us – a loaded car pool, a full table, a hotel that has no vacancies. Other times, the problem that is we just don't fit in, we just don't belong – it can happen at work, at school, or even at home. We look around at everything going on and at all the people around, searching for the place that is right for us, but no matter how hard we look, there is simply none to be found. I think we have all felt that way at one point or another; you may even be feeling that way right now.

To anyone who has ever felt that there was no place for them, please know that is why the Christ-child came. He came FOR YOU, to make a place especially for you – not in some car or hotel, at a table or a workplace, or even in society or your family. He came to make a place for you in Heaven, a place for you before the throne of God with all the saints and angels. Jesus left His place at the right hand of the Father to be born of the Virgin's womb, all to prepare a place just for you with Him. The one who had to be born in the garage because there was no place for Him made sure that there is a perfect place for you with Him forever. (He even tells us this explicitly in John 14.)

The Babe of Bethlehem was born for you and there is now a place for you with Him in Heaven forever. There is also a place for you here at CLC. It doesn't matter if you come once a week, once a month, or once a year; it doesn't even matter if you've only come once in the last decade. There is always a place for you here, and you are welcome any time. Here there is companionship with

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**COME  
WORSHIP  
WITH US**

**Sunday Worship Services:**  
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
( Nursery Care Available - 10:30  
a.m. )

**Sunday School  
&  
Adult Bible Classes:**  
9:10 a.m.

**Summer Worship Service:**  
9:00 a.m.  
( Fathers Day to Labor  
Day )



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**NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT  
AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL**



I encourage everyone to continue to support our ministries at CLC with a Thanksgiving response to the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon you.

Our Voters' Assembly met on November 13<sup>th</sup> and once again, we had excellent attendance of our Voters. We heard reports from Pastor Rowold, our officers and our deacons of the various avenues of worship, ministry and mission at CLC. Looking ahead, Pastor Rowold presented a 2019 Ministry Mission Plan for our congregation; watch for more on those goals in the very near future. Our Vice President, Steve Feero, presented a financial Mission Plan for 2019 that was discussed and adopted by the Voters' Assembly; CLC members have received a copy of it with their 2019 stewardship packages. Our Stewardship Deacon, David Veleber, recently addressed the congregation about our 2019 Mission Plan and wrote to us in the stewardship package. Please also see his article in this issue of the Heavenly Herald. I encourage everyone to continue to support our ministries at CLC with a Thanksgiving response to the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon you.

Also, at the Voters' Assembly meeting, the following individuals were elected as our officers for 2019: President: Steve Feero, Vice-President: Vickie DePaolo; Recording Secretary: Terri Daly; Financial Secretary: Guy Mason; and Treasurer: Karen Smith. In addition, Andy Clark was elected for another 3-year term as our House and Grounds deacon. They will be installed in early January.

At our Thanksgiving Eve service, the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians included "I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and want. I can do all things in him who strengthens me." As Pastor Rowold added, "For that we give thanks". As we approach the end of 2018, our progress toward our 2018 financial Mission Plan is falling short of our offerings goal of \$285,000 by approximately \$16,900 as of October 31<sup>st</sup>. More specifically, if we divide that among 135 givers, that amounts to \$125 per giver. So, with that in mind, I am again encouraging all our members to prayerfully respond in thanksgiving for His blessings to finish our 2018 Mission Plan as close to 100% as we can.

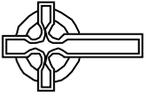
Upcoming official meetings include our next CLC Council meeting which will be held on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and our Annual Congregational Meeting which will be held following our worship services on Sunday January 13<sup>th</sup>.

Please keep in mind that the Advent and upcoming Christmas seasons may provide opportunities for you to invite a friend or neighbor to join you for a worship service, Bible study or fellowship event at CLC.

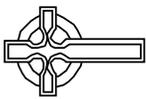
I hope to see you in church!

*Bill*

William C. Sherman  
CLC Parish President



# GAO Galendars



## December

# December Servants

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others who do not always have a place in this world. Here we receive God's forgiveness in Holy Absolution, His reassurance and guidance through His Word, and His strength to meet the challenges of life through Christ's body and blood given in Holy Communion. All of that is here for you every time you take your place.

On account of Christ Jesus, born into a world where there was no place for Him, there is now a place for you and for me before God in Heaven forever. There is also a place for you here at CLC – on Christmas Eve and every week. I look forward to seeing you and celebrating with you all the joys of our life together in Christ, especially at Christmas.

In Christ,  
Pastor R



## CLC CHRISTMAS DECORATING...

**CHRISTMAS TREE CUTTING** – Many Hands Make Light Work! We will gather at CLC around 3:00 p.m. on Friday 12/14/18 to harvest and bring the tree into the Sanctuary.

**CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING** – Once again, Many Hands Make Light Work as we will gather at CLC at **1:00 PM** on Saturday 12/15/18 to decorate the tree and adorn the Nave. This process is normally accomplished within 1-2 hours, depending on the number of helpers.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Time change for tree decorating this year. We will meet at 1:00 PM to allow time for the Christmas Pageant rehearsal, which will be in the morning at church that day. The decorating of the church and tree will be after the Christmas Pageant rehearsal.

THANK YOU AND A BLESSED ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON TO ALL!

Steve Feero  
CLC Vice President



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name!"

Psalm 100 Verse 4

Giving a preview of our Christmas pageant, thank you to all children who sang *365 Days of Christmas* during the 10:30 service on November 25th. Instead of coin boxes this year, we are gathering gently used or new mittens, gloves, scarves and hats. We are also collecting any donations of new socks. This is to benefit Acts 4 Ministry in Waterbury.

Schedule for pageant:

- **Practice**—All Sundays in the month of December
- **Run through**—Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:10 a.m.
- **Dress Rehearsal**—Saturday December 15 at 10:00 a.m.
- **Pageant Day—December 16th:**
  - **Arrival**—All Students—9:45 a.m.
  - **Performance**—During the 10:30 service

Thank you for your participation and attendance!

In Christ, Carlene Myers, Judy DiDomizio & Martha Medford



## CLC ALL CHOIRS REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE...

Date	Time	Event	Choir
December 2 - Sunday <i>1st Sunday in Advent</i> Advent Brunch after late	9: 10 AM	Rehearsal for Pageant	Sunday School
	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
December 5 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
December 8 - Saturday 10:00 - 11:15 AM	10:00 AM	Rehearsal for Pageant	Sunday School
December 9 - Sunday  <i>2nd Sunday in Advent</i>	9:10 AM	Rehearsal for Pageant	Sunday School
	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
December 12 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
December 16 - Sunday <i>Christmas Pageant</i> <i>3rd Sunday in Advent</i>	9:45 AM	Costumes	Sunday School—All Students
	10:30 AM	Christmas Pageant	Sunday School—All Students
	11:30 AM	Refreshments	Everyone
December 19 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
December 23 - Sunday <i>4th Sunday in Advent</i>	10:00 AM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	10:30 AM	Performance	Parish Choir
December 24th - Monday <i>Christmas Eve - 2 Services</i>	6:15 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir
	7:00 PM	Performance	Parish Choir
	9:20 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	10:00 PM	Performance	Bell, Parish Choirs & Soloists
December 26 - Wednesday	<b>NO CHOIR REHEARSALS</b>		
December 30 - Sunday	10:30 AM	Service	N/A
January 2 - Wednesday	7:15 PM	Rehearsal	Bell Choir
	8:00 PM	Rehearsal	Parish Choir



### THIS MONTH IN OUR HISTORY!...

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

#### December

December 9, 1956	Inaugural service at Cheshire Grange Hall; Rev. Darrell Geitz giving the 1st sermon
December 24, 1967	Bell first rung
December 9, 2006	New garden crosses imbedded
December 3, 2011	Lawn Crèche first displayed
December 17, 2017	Call extended to Rev. David Patrick Rowold to fill pastoral vacancy of Pastor Charles Gustafson

# THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT FOR 2018



## “365 Days of Christmas”



Angels and students guide us through the seasons of the year to keep the Spirit.



- ✚ Speaking Parts available for Sunday School Students Grades 4 - 8
- ✚ Speaking parts will be assigned in November
- ✚ Practices are Sunday Mornings – 9:10 AM
- ✚ Singing Carols for all Sunday School Students
- ✚ Practices will take place on Sunday Mornings



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:



- ✚ Run Through - December 9, Sunday – 9:10 AM
- ✚ Dress Rehearsal – Saturday, December 15, – 10:00 AM
- ✚ Pageant - December 16 - 10:30 AM



### Sign Up Now!!!!



Sign up using form that will be in the Sunday Bulletins and on the Sunday School Bulletin Board. Return completed form to the envelope on Sunday School bulletin Board - Keep the top Part!



Parents of SS are asked to bring desserts and/or snack for the refreshment table for after the Service



## OUR BEAUTIFUL THANKSGIVING CORNUPOPIA...

The Beautiful Cornucopia that adorned our Altar for the service on Thanksgiving was made by Martha Henderson. It not only served to celebrate Thanksgiving it also serves to remind us how blessed we are by the abundance our Lord has chosen to give us.



During this time of Thanks and into the Christmas Season, let us all remember those gifts and blessings and give to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. There are many ways to give, we ALL have time, talent and financial gifts to choose from. May Our Lord continue to bless you and your family this Christmas Season.

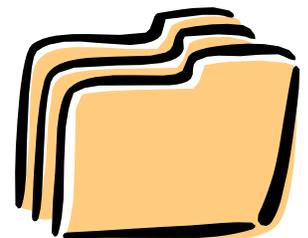
## PLEDGE PACKETS FOR 2019...

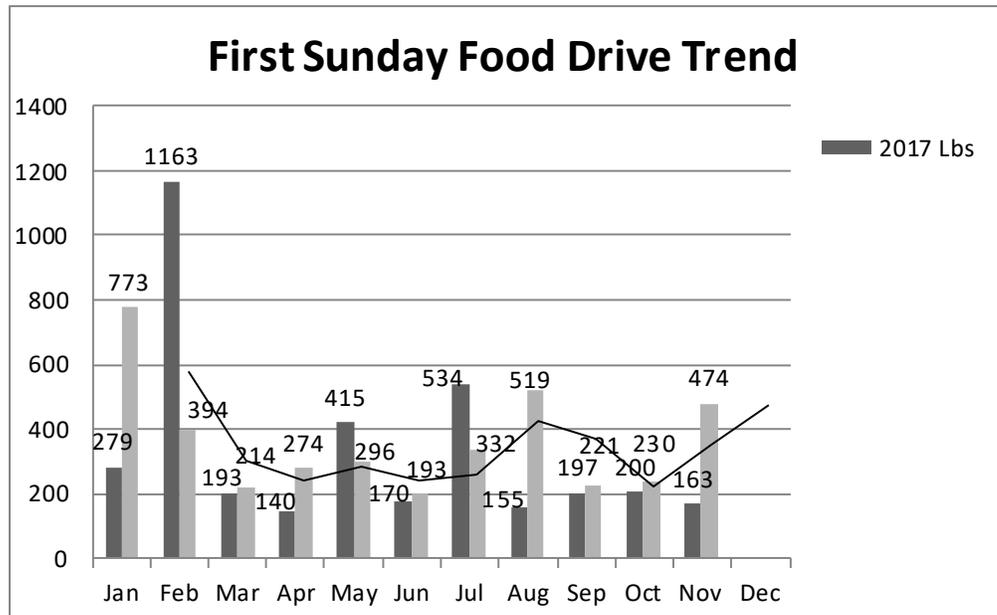
Pledge Sunday for 2019 is here. Please assist CLC in planning and meeting our financial obligations by returning your pledge card to the church as soon as possible. Thank you!



## 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.





### DONATE YOUR FREEBIES!

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

### HELP WANTED

The Cheshire Community Food Pantry, Inc. is seeking new volunteers to assist on Tuesday or Thursday evenings. Hours are 2:30-6PM. Commitment include 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, helping donors drop-off food. Ability to lift 30lbs or more a plus, but not required. All volunteers must be 18 years of age or older. Please contact April Duquette for more information. [aduquette@cheshirefoodpantry.org](mailto:aduquette@cheshirefoodpantry.org) or 203.699.9226.

“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.



### 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.

## NEWS FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP DEACON...

I hope everyone had a very happy Thanksgiving. I would like to wish everyone a joyous and merry Christmas.

If you have not taken and/or returned your pledge packets, I urge you to do so as soon as possible. If you have not pledged in the past but would like to do so now, you can ask our Church Secretary, Carol Santoro, for a packet. I again thank all of you for your past generosity and look forward to a very successful 2019.

This year saw CLC be blessed with a new pastor. God continues to pour blessings down upon CLC.

As I have done every year, I continue to ask that members please always think about inviting friends to join us here at CLC, especially for Christmas services. It is always fun and exciting to see new faces and to see the Church grow. Many people are looking for a spiritual home. Why not invite them to make CLC that home?

Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

David Veleber  
Stewardship Deacon



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## 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](http://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:



Again, the Amazon Smile website is [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)



You Shop. Amazon Gives

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## CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR CLC MEMBERS...

If you would like to send a Christmas card to all of us here at CLC (instead of to each of us) you can do so by posting it on our bulletin board over the green felt Christmas tree.



## 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.

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

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

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



## CANS AND BOTTLES—BOTTLES AND CANS...

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

## 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:*

- † **Sunday Coffee Hour** Sign-Up
- † **Hope Center** 2018 volunteer sign-ups and information
- † **Altar Flower** Sunday sign up
- † **Greeters Needed**—See Signup on the Bulletin Board
- † **Cheshire Food Drive** Volunteer info. and sign-ups
- † **Lutheran Church Extension Fund** information
- † **Thrivent Action Committee** information and sign-up
- † **Gift Cards for Lutheran Home of Southbury** information—Lutheran Home looking for Walmart Gift Card donations—to give as gifts to residents
- † **Lutheran Home of Southbury Shopping Spree** information
- † **2018 Usher Schedule**

### *Others looking for help!*

- † **Fellowship Deacon needs volunteers** to help make the events happen. Contact Karen Weiland if you can help in any capacity. 203-250-1574 or email kweiland3@sbcglobal.net
- † **Helping Hands** - Contact the church office (203-272-5106) or Sally Schrumm (203-710-0753) if you would like to be a member of the helping hands committee or if you are in need.
- † **All Choirs** rehearse on Wednesday evenings are as follows:

7:15 PM – Adult Bell Choir

8:00 PM – Parish Choir

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

- † **Sunday School Teachers Needed**—Prayerfully consider serving our congregations children by volunteering to Teach them a few Sunday mornings during the year. See Judy DiDomizio.



## NEWS FROM OUR LITTLE CHERUBS...

I Can't believe that Thanksgiving has come and gone. Where have the days gone?

Little Cherubs Christian Preschool registered a 3 year old for the Fall of 2019 on November 14, 2018. Hooray, it was by word of mouth.

The beginning of November started with Teddy Bears. We finished up with the 3 year olds sharing their favorite animal / teddy bear and got to wear PJ's to school. The 3's learned how to play "Duck, Duck Goose" and "What Time Is It Mr. Fox". They learned about the letter I and number 8. The Bible studies consisted of Moses and the Red Sea. Both classes conducted an experiment parting the Sea right before their eyes.

Since the Election was around the corner Miss Martha showed them what it meant to vote for someone or something. They did it with crackers - Ritz vs Saltines. The Ritz's won out.

The second week of November they learned about HIBERNATION and the animals that hibernate. The letter of the week was J and the number was number 9. In Bible they learned about Manna in the desert.

Some of the stories that were read were "Don't Wake the Bear" and "Where Fish go - Hamilton Duck"

The children learned about the life cycle of the Spider. The 4's made webs by rolling a marble on top of a piece of black paper in a box. White drops of paint were placed on top of the paper and they rolled the marble around to create their own spider web. Then they made spiders and put them in their web. The 4's played musical chairs and learned what the limbo was. What fun. We have been practicing Number Bingo, Letter Bingo and Shape and Color Bingo.

Veteran's Day was explained to the children and they created a badge in honor of time served by the veterans. The Bible for the week of the 11<sup>th</sup> was Joshua and Jericho. We learned about words that began with letter K and we did number 10. For story time "One Little, Two Little, Three Little Pilgrims".

We had a special time with Cheshire's New Children's Librarian. Her name is Emily and she is visiting both the 3's and 4's.

Since Thanksgiving was upon us they learned about the Native Americans, the Pilgrims, about the Mayflower, how many people were on the boat and how long it took them to get to Plymouth Rock. Also, they made the Pilgrim Table and had read to them "My Thankful Heart". They also made Cornucopia's and Indian corn. The 3's made Corn Muffins. Boy were they good.

The week of Thanksgiving in the Bible we studied all about David and Goliath. We learned about the Letter L and what words begin with the letter L. The last week of November the theme was winter changes. Art was Birds Fly South and Lady bugs in winter. The stories were "A Bed for the winter", "Goodnight Friends and much more. They moved onto Letter M and the number 11. The Bible for this week was Jonah & The Big Fish.

We have enjoyed Pastor playing games with us when he hears us in the Assembly Room. The children have enjoyed Pastor coming into class every Wednesday and Thursday. He has just molded into our routine. We love how he goes over with the children all that they have done on that day and after he is done with Bible he instructs the children what to do next. On the days we are going out he helps us get the children bundled. I must say Pastor Rowold is a great addition to our School.

So, you relived our month at Little Cherubs Christian Preschool. I hope you enjoyed all that we did.

God Bless,  
Miss Martha, Miss JoAnn and Miss Cindy





## HOW TO REACH PASTOR IN AN EMERGENCY...

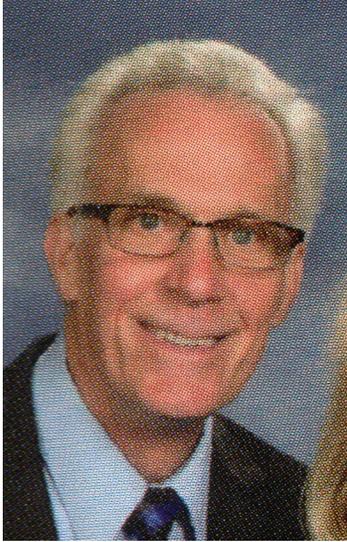
If there is no answer in the Church Office, Pastor Rowold may be reached on his cell phone at (203) 800-5495.

## NEWS FROM OUR EVANGELISM DEACON...

With joyful anticipation, we enter the season of Advent and the coming of our Lord. It is a season often clouded by shopping, decorating and traveling. Let us all take the time to truly appreciate the beauty of the season as we pray for the light of Christ to fill us with hope and love. For many, this season may be difficult due to illness, financial difficulties or the death of a loved one. If you know of such a person, extend an invitation to attend one of our Sunday services or one of our Christmas Eve services. The light of Christ can fill the darkness he or she may be experiencing. As we sing in the 4<sup>th</sup> verse of "O Come O Come Emmanuel":

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
 Our spirits by Thine advent here  
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
 And death's dark shadows put to flight

Alan Spose  
 Evangelism Deacon



## SHARE THE WARMTH...UPDATE

Sharing the Warmth - That is what we did!

If you read Acts 4 there is a section about being of one heart and mind. Believers shared everything they had. We may not have shared everything but we have 3 car loads [back seat and truck] of clothes that was delivered to Acts 4 ministry in Waterbury. They give several items of clothing free to each client and also have a thrift store with VERY low prices.

Thank you for sharing and making many people warmer this winter.

For more information or questions contact Dotti Dierolf at (203) 393-3582 or visit ACTS 4 web-site at: <http://acts4.org/>



## SUNDAY SCHOOL IS SHARING GOD'S LOVE...

CLC Sunday School wishes to share God's love and warmth with those in need at Christmas-time. The congregation is collecting warm clothing to be distributed to needy folks in the Waterbury area, and we are hoping that each Sunday school student might contribute a pair of mittens, gloves or a hat for any age child or youth. Bring them to church by Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, and we will deliver them to Acts 4 Ministry in Waterbury.

Acts 4 Ministry Inc. is a non-denominational, non-profit charitable organization in Waterbury, and is seeking donations of winter coats and accessories for children and adults during their annual "Share the Warmth" drive. The organization seeks gently-used or new coats, hats, gloves, and scarves for adults and children.





# The Cheshire Community Food Pantry, Inc.

*Caring about our neighbors*

Now that we are in our new building at 175 Sandbank Road and we have lots of refrigeration. We can finally take non-expired perishable items as well as nonperishable goods. We also have a vestibule with a refrigerator so you can drop off donations when it is convenient for you.

Here is our "hot list" however we appreciate any and all non-perishable/non-expired food, cleaning supplies, paper goods and health and beauty items. Your generosity helps us keep our shelves filled and makes life a little easier for our clients:

**Dairy:**

Eggs, Milk, Cheese, Yogurt

**Condiments:**

Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Mustard

**Cooking/Baking Products:**

Salt, Pepper, Cooking Oil, Olive Oil, Spices, Baking Mixes (various)

**Pantry:**

Salad Dressing, Pickles, Juice Boxes/Bottles, Canned Chicken, Applesauce and Canned Fruit, Cereal boxes, Crackers/Cookies, Grape Jelly (and any other flavors!), Coffee (regular and decaf)

**Cleaning Supplies and Paper Items:**

Paper towels, Toilet Paper, Paper Napkins, Laundry Detergent (small sizes are encouraged), Dish Detergent, Sponges, Wipes

**Personal Items:**

Bar Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Razor, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Lotion

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REMINDERS...

- ✦ **Sunday, Dec. 9 at 9:10** will be a **run-through** of the pageant in the sanctuary
- ✦ **Saturday, Dec. 15** will be a **dress rehearsal** at **10:00 a.m.**
- ✦ **Sunday, Dec. 16** please come to church at **9:45** to get prepared for the Christmas Pageant at the 10:30 service.

*(We ask each family to kindly bring a dish of cookies or bars for the fellowship after the pageant.)*

**Please Note:**

There will be **no** Sunday School, Confirmation Class or Adult Bible Study on Sunday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>.

God bless you all.



## SHOP AT PATRICK BAKER & SONS...CLC GETS 10%...

Patrick Baker & Son's, 1650 West Street, Southington, has initiated a program that can earn cash rebates for CLC. 10% of purchases will be deposited in the church's account. Simply give them Cheshire Lutheran's name when shopping in the store. If purchasing through the web, visit [www.Churchgoods.com](http://www.Churchgoods.com); when checking out, select CLC as your church and place the provided church ID# in the church code box.



## ATTENTION NON-THRIVENT AND THRIVENT MEMBERS!!...



Thrivent has several matching programs for disaster relief that are open to **Non Members as well as Members**. The \$1 million match for Hurricanes Florence and Michael goes until December 31, 2018 or until the match is met. The \$250,000 match for California Wildfire relief runs until January 31, 2019, or until the match is met. Non-members as well as members can make donations by following this link:

<https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/disaster-response>

Once on the page, click the “+” sign to the left of the disaster to get further details on how to make your donation.



**Don't forget to direct Choice Dollars®**

This is also an early reminder for Thrivent members to direct Choice Dollars as they become available to you. You can check the Choice Dollars you have available by either logging into your account on line or by calling 1-800-847-4836. You have until March 31, 2019 to direct any 2018 Choice Dollars allocated to you.

Also, keep in mind Thrivent's Action Team Program for any fundraiser, service activity or educational event you would like to lead within our congregation or within your community.

Please contact Alan Spose (203-623-1650) or Mark Manning (203-241-0858) with any questions.

## Our Sincere Appreciation



- ✦ Many thanks to the special folk that assembled the November Heavenly Herald! We can't do it without your support, you are the BEST!
- ✦ Very special thanks again to the crew for displaying the Christmas Crèche on our front lawn. The Crèche will speak volumes to passerby's that need to be reminded of the TRUE Meaning of the Season!
- ✦ Many thanks to Martha Henderson for the LOVELY Cornucopia that adorned the Altar for our Thanksgiving Service. It is just beautiful!
- ✦ Thank you to the Fellowship Committee and Chair Karen Weiland for the Advent Brunch. We are so blessed that we have so many dedicated congregants to organize these events.
- ✦ Thank you to the dedicated folk for being such loving stewards of our Church grounds. We are so blessed for your service to our Church Family.
- ✦ Blessed Thank You to the Drusts for ALL you do for us!
- ✦ Thank you to Bill Juul for continuing to update our Website with pictures, videos etc. Please check it out. We are Blessed.



## WEATHER AND WORSHIP...

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

Stay warm!

## CLC ANNUAL WOMEN’S RETREAT 2019...

**When God Winks at You:** How God Speaks Directly to You through the Power of Coincidence by Squire Rushnell

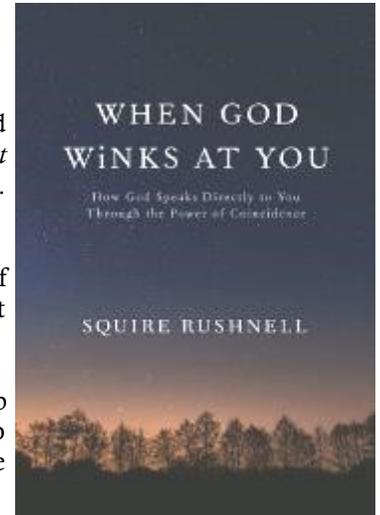
Our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual CLCW Retreat will be held on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Guest House and Conference Center in Chester, CT. The book we will be reading this year is *When God Winks At You* by Squire Rushnell. When a surprising answer to prayer comes at just the right moment. Could God be showing you that He cares about the details of your life?

Best-selling author Squire Rushnell says these silent little miracles are *godwinks* - messages of assurance that no matter what is happening in your life or how uncertain things may seem at the moment, God is with you and will help you move toward certainty.

Please plan on joining us in May for an inspiring day with the women of CLC. A sign –up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. The registration fee including lunch is \$44, payable to CLCW and can be placed in the silver box on the counter in the hallway. Registration fees are due by April 14<sup>th</sup>.

A copy of the book will be found on the counter near the church office after January 1<sup>st</sup>. You will find an index card enclosed in the book. If you want to borrow it, kindly put your name on the card and place it in my blue folder which will be located outside the church office window in January.

Please call me if you have any questions. Vicki DePaolo - 203-697-0810



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

The following has been recently added to our Website:

- ✚ Audio recordings of Anthems sung by Soloists, Choirs and Sunday School
- ✚ Current and Past Heavenly Heralds
- ✚ Video recordings from many past events
- ✚ Pictures from special events
- ✚ Audio and Video recordings of Pastors Sermons and other events
- ✚ Pictures, pictures, pictures from all our past events other miscellaneous photos taken in and around the Church by Tim Weiland
- ✚ Much, much more...



## 2018 PASTOR’S PILGRIMS JOURNEYS TO ISREAL, GERMANY, OBERAMMERGAU AND SCOTLAND IN 2019, 2020 AND 2021...

Presenting upcoming "Pastors Pilgrims" trips will be Pastor Greg Wismar and Ben Cross, from GLOBUS travel.

Planned journeys are to Israel in Lent of 2019, to Germany and the Oberammergau Passion Play in 2020 and to Scotland and the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in 2021.

See the Bulletin Board for more information.



## 2018 USHER SCHEDULE ...



Below please find the 2018 Usher schedule. 2019 schedule is currently a work in progress. Kindly periodically review this schedule and mark your calendars for the dates you are assigned to work a particular service. If you cannot make a service, please try to arrange a replacement and notify the head usher.

December - 8:00 AM Service	
Cliff Ongley	860-863-5960
John Shepard	203-271-1721
Frank Miller	860-621-4619

December - 10:30 AM Service	
Joe Stark	203-272-3488
Tim Weiland*	203-250-1574



## PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THIS NEWSLETTER A SUCCESS!! (January 2019 Articles are Due!)

Please electronically submit ALL articles and information to Beth Soulier (soulierbeth@sbcglobal.net) by Friday **December 21st (NOTE: This is a change from previous notifications)** 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!



## CLC MUSICAL OFFERING...

Music performed during Sunday morning services is sometimes recorded and then emailed to a number of people. Most computers will recognize the mp3 music file and play it back. It is especially appreciated by those who are not able to be with us on a given Sunday.

If you are interested in receiving an occasional musical offering, please send an email to: [juul@cox.net](mailto:juul@cox.net) with "CLC Music" in the subject line. Recipient addresses will not appear in the music email. We would be happy to include you.

Most music offerings can also be found on our CLC Website.

Judy & Bill Juul



## SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

Volunteers are needed to prepare, serve and clean up for the between service Coffee Hour. In an effort to keep this much anticipated fellowship going, we need volunteers.

Can you help set up coffee a few Sunday's during the year? Purchase or make baked goods to be served? Baked goods may be brought in at any time and placed in the freezer so we have something to serve every Sunday. Kindly sign-up on the Bulletin board and if you have questions you can contact the office. Thank you!

## 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 David Schrumm.



# Council Meeting Reminder: Tuesday December 4th at 7:00 PM

## CLCW JANUARY THAW PARTY...

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>

Ladies, this year the CLCW will be holding our January Thaw Party at the church. It will take place on **Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm**. Please bring an appetizer to share and a gift for a gift exchange, limit of \$20.

The gift exchange will not be the usual Yankee Swap, but the new one we tried last year, the **Switch, Steal, Unwrap Gift Exchange**. Those of you who attended last year can remember it was very different and fun.

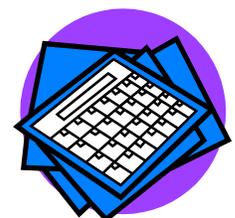
A sign-up sheet will be posted in the hallway after Christmas. We just wanted to give everyone a heads-up on the date.

If you have any questions please contact Vicki DePaolo at 203-697-0810 or e-mail me at [vpd228@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vpd228@sbcglobal.net).



## CLC CALENDARS FOR 2019...

**2019 Calendars** are here. The calendars are a gift to our congregation compliments of the Al-Anderson/Slater Funeral Home. You are welcome to pick up a copy from our hallway counter or narthex table.





## CLC HELPING HANDS...

“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.

Please consider requesting assistance such as meals, transportation, occasional errands, minor household repairs, and visitors.

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 (203-710-0753) to request assistance or for any concerns or questions. Please note that all Information will be confidential.

Sally Schrumm, Chairman



## HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER...

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



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

## COLUMBARIUM UPDATE...

The Memorial Garden and Columbarium Committee has been busy lately. Several Memorial Plaques have been ordered and installed, several Inurnment Subscriptions have been secured and our first two inurnments have been placed within the wall.



The Committee has created a Memorial Garden and Columbarium informational pamphlet that summarizes the purpose of the site, as well as answering some frequently asked questions. Look for the pamphlet on the hallway counter.

Thanks to Pastor Rowold for the Commemoration at our MG&C on All Saints Day between the services. Beautifully done, beautiful day.

The committee has also purchased a tent and umbrellas to be used at the site in inclement weather. Chairs have also been purchased to be used by family and loved ones during services held at the site.

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

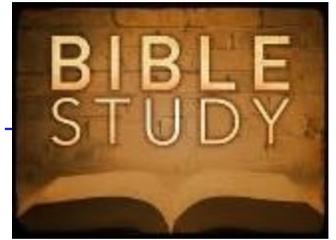
# Bible Studies at CLC

Come on out and join us for the following Bible studies offered during the week:



## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...

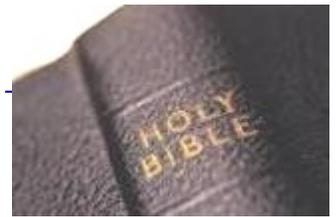
Sunday morning Bible study continues on Sundays between our services at 9:10 a.m. in the Library. This month we are taking a look at the first Christmas.



## WALKTHROUGH WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY...

Wednesday afternoon's at 1:30 p.m. we will continue with "Walkthrough Wednesdays". We are currently where we pick a book of the Bible and work our way through it. Join us in the Library.

We are walking through the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke; we're currently in chapter four.



## THURSDAY AFTERNOON MEN'S AND LADIES' BIBLE STUDY GROUPS...

We will continue with Men's and Ladies' Bible studies; both of these will meet twice a month on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. as follows:

- ✠ Ladies meeting 2nd and 4th Thursdays—We are currently looking at great women of the Bible
- ✠ Men meeting 1st and 3rd Thursdays—We are starting a new study this month.



## CLC CHOIR NEWS...

Wednesday Evening Rehearsals are as follows:

- 6:30 PM – Youth Choir
- 7:15 PM – Adult Bell Choir
- 8:00 PM – Parish Choir

Each choir is praying for new members. Please consider joining, you will be happy you did!



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

## December 2018

12th

Jeff and Kyong Mann

38 Years



# Christmas Eve Service Reminder!

† Monday December 24 - Christmas Eve Services:  
7:00 PM & 10:00 PM



## GOD BLESS OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS...

Please say a special thank you to your children's Sunday School teachers. They serve in a very important mission of our church, our children! A simple and sincere "we appreciated your help to us and our children" will mean so much to them.



ANNIVERSARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim Baker  
Joshua Neff
- 4<sup>th</sup> Judith DiDomizio  
Emily Napp  
Steve Feero  
Jeff Hays
- 5<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Carrington
- 6<sup>th</sup> Sydney Taylor
- 8<sup>th</sup> Charles Caron, Jr.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Paul Fiedler
- 12<sup>th</sup> Martha Henderson  
Ali Tyler
- 14<sup>th</sup> John Mulvaney
- 16<sup>th</sup> David McBain  
Christian Kjeldsen
- 17<sup>th</sup> Alwin Manke
- 21<sup>st</sup> Blair Donewald
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Judith Juul
- 25<sup>th</sup> Curt Smith
- 27<sup>th</sup> Paul Smith
- 29<sup>th</sup> Samantha Nowak
- 30<sup>th</sup> Alan Santoro  
David Blair

Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy...Luke 2:10



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