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The Official Newsletter of Chatham Community Church

A NOTE FROM PASTOR PAM

Happy February! It's been a little while since our last newsletter, but I'm excited to share that it's back in action. Starting this March, we'll be sending it out every other month. Don't forget to keep an eye on your bulletins for important updates and announcements, along with the newsletter, to stay in the loop about upcoming events at our church.

We've gracefully navigated through the holiday season with some truly beautiful services, and now, as we catch our breath, another season is upon us: Lent. I hope you'll join us on this Lenten journey as we embark on special services beginning with Ash Wednesday (February 14, 2024). Our self-guided Ash Wednesday service will allow you to explore various stations at your own pace, with ashes distributed before you leave. Drop by anytime between 3pm-8pm! Be sure to check the calendar on the following pages for more services during Lent.

Our confirmation classes kicked off again in January, and our confirmands will soon begin giving presentations to share a bit about themselves and what they've found interesting during their classes. We'll celebrate all our confirmands in April with Confirmation Sunday. It's truly a joy to work with these kids and guide them on their journey.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude for the concern, prayers, meals, cards, and messages I've received while recovering from surgery. Your kindness, love, and support mean the world to me.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Wishing you all God's blessings,

Pastor Pam

KINDNESS CLOSET

The Kindness Closet is now open and ready to assist those in need!

To schedule a personalized visit, simply email ccckindnesscloset@gmail.com.

We're actively seeking volunteers to help maintain the closet's operations. Please reach out to Casey Spangler at spanglercasey21@gmail.com if you're interested.

Please note that due to limited space, we are currently unable to accept additional donations.



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BLESSING BOX

For this month, we are collecting socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste and general cleaning products for the Blessing Box. If you would like to make a donation please put it in the foyer of the Church or you can leave it in the office.

If you would like to donate additional items, please feel free!

Thank you for your kindness.

THE HISTORY OF THE CHATHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

The history of the Chatham Community Church began in England with King Henry VIII, in 1538. Thanks to the long hours of study and research by the Chatham Historical Society members and Chatham Community Church members, this history has been recorded in documents and placed for safe keeping at the Chatham Historical Society.

The roots of some existing families in Chatham have been traced back to that time. For this first piece of history, I am citing information from "One Hundred and Fifty Years and More of the Chatham Congregational Church", written by Phyllis Grim Siman, Church Historian, in 1999. Each church newsletter will have additional historical information. If any of our readers or community members have historical data to share, please do share this before this information is lost forever.

"England's King Henry VIII , through the Act of Supremacy of 1538, persuaded his Parliament to vote him Supreme Lord of the Church of England. He asserted that his country, England, was to be a self-governing nation, free from the interference of the Kings of Europe and the Pope in Rome. He started a religious revolution which ousted the Pope as head of the church and placed himself, as King, in the Pope's place. Thus began a long and bloody siege between the ruling power and the Roman Catholic leaders, with their great wealth of monasteries, cathedrals, and land.

The ten year old son of Henry VIII and Jane Seymour became King, as Edward VI, after the death of his father. He was manipulated by unscrupulous advisors who did everything they could to make Protestantism, as the new church was known, hateful to the people.

Mary Tudor, Edward's older sister, came to the throne in 1553. Mary's goal was to restore Roman Catholicism. She persecuted the Protestants and exterminated many reformers.

Elizabeth, daughter of Henry VIII and Ann Bolyn, drove her half-sister, "Bloody Mary", as she was called, from the throne, and Protestantism again returned to the land. The Duke of Norfolk reminded her, 'Let your Highness assure yourself that England can bear no more changes in religion, it hath bowed so often that if it should be bent again it should break.' Queen Elizabeth ordered Mary Stuart, then the Queen of the Scots, beheaded for treason. Elizabeth's secretaries, Walsingham and Davison, delivered the warrant."

Submitted by Barb Natterer. To be continued with the next newsletter.

CELEBRATIONS

February Birthdays:

We would like to extend warm birthday wishes to the following members of our church community who are celebrating their special day this month:

- 2/8 Darin Boreman
- 2/12 Larry Funk
- 2/15 Yvonne Theus
- 2/20 Ed Cole
- 2/26 Jason Bohley
- 2/28 Zeke Arters

PRAYER REQUEST

Name:

Request:

Cut your prayer request out and turn it in to Pastor Pam



“HEAR MY PRAYER, O LORD, AND GIVE EAR TO MY CRY; HOLD NOT YOUR PEACE AT MY TEARS! FOR I AM A SOJOURNER WITH YOU, A GUEST, LIKE ALL MY FATHERS.”



UPCOMING EVENTS

Looking Ahead...

**Feb
21**

BOA Meeting, 7pm

**Feb
28**

Avodah, 6:30pm

**Mar
14**

**Christian Unity Meal, 6pm
Christian Unity Service, 7pm**

**Mar
20**

BOA Meeting, 7pm

**Mar
27**

Avodah, 6:30pm

**Mar
28**

**Maundy Thursday Service #1, 3:30pm
Maundy Thursday Service #2, 6:30pm**

**Mar
29**

Good Friday Service, 7pm

**Mar
30**

Sacred Prayer Open House, 11am - 1pm

**Mar
31**

**Easter Sunrise Service, 8am
Breakfast, following the service
Easter Worship, 10:30am**

**Apr
7**

Service time changes to 10am