



Chatham Community Church Connections



October/November 2017

A Word from the Pastor

And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'
Matthew
25:40

Chatham Church, you are AMAZING! When I think of all that we have done this year so far, I am in awe. We gathered mittens and socks for those who needed them this past winter. We put together Christmas gifts for children we may never meet.

We donated over \$900.00 to PAARI (Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative). We donated money to the Chatham Fire Association and the Medina County Community Services Center. We send money to Matthew 25, which helps those in crisis situations, every month.

We gathered together to prepare lunches for St. Herman's House of Hospitality in Cleveland, and then we gave over \$600.00 to help fill their pantry. We sent over \$1,000.00 for hurricane relief, and that money is still coming in.

We prepare meals and deliver them to the homebound in our community every month.

We worked with the Wellington United Methodist Church to do mission work, and three of us (at last count) are going to Mexico over Christmas break to help build either a school or a church, or perhaps both. Stay tuned for opportunities to give supplies for this mission project.

We are a GIVING church! What growth we have experienced over the last year because of it! We are building the kingdom of God, one drop at a time.

You are making a difference. I thank God for all of you, and I thank God for my time here with you.

May you be blessed

Pastor Patty



News from the Board of Administrators

The Board meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. All are welcome to attend. The floors in the basement and classrooms have been finished with Pebblestone. It turned out great, what a difference. Hope Everyone likes it.

The Sunday School rooms have been painted and put back together, thanks to everyone who helped.

We had one emergency repair, had to replace the water heater in the south building. Thanks to Ed Cole for his help with that.

The board will donate a chocolate theme basket to the Apple Butter Festival.

Mike Massie

Apple Butter Festival

The Apple Butter Festival is coming October 14th and 15th. We have a planning committee with some new ideas.

We are asking for as much help as possible from everyone. Please contact Holly Kolodka for work assignments.

We will be doing the raffle baskets again this year with all kinds of theme ideas let myself or Jacci know.

Wrap up meeting will be November 8th.
Mike Massie



Chatham Christian Volunteers

We meet on the 1st Sunday of each month. All men in the community are welcome! We have been averaging about 14 at each meeting/breakfast.

We are getting into our busy season. We will be setting up and taking down for the Apple Butter Festival.

We are also getting ready for Make it Take it. We have 3 great projects for this year. We will have cut-out day sometime in November.

Don't forget, Living Nativity is right around the corner also!

We will be donating a basket to the apple butter festival, tool related.

Mike Massie

Education Committee News

Sunday school is once again in full force! Thank you to the BOA for the new flooring and for Kevin for painting the walls in the classrooms. Stop by and see our nice clean rooms.

Teaching the younger Children's class this year are Linda Bohley, Debbie Massie, Debbie Meadows, Jacci Orosz and Yvonne Theus. This class will meet every Sunday. The older children will attend worship the first Sunday of the month and have class on the others. Leading them this year are Emily Barter, Christine Bohley, Keith Bohley and Barb Natterer.

We will be meeting at the church on **October 6th at 6:30** to **paint pumpkins** to be used to decorate the Apple Butter Festival. This activity is for all ages. The children will also be helping with cleaning of the tables during the festival weekend.

Education Committee will be hosting an evening activity on **December 10th** to **make live advent wreaths** for families to use in their homes during the festival. We will post a sign up sheet as time approaches so we will know how many families are interested. This is a great way to begin preparing for Jesus' birth.



The children will be giving the message during the December 10th worship service. They really enjoy preparing and presenting their message for all of you.
Jacci Orosz

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible study classes meet on Thursdays at 1:30 and 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend. There is a class schedule on the bulletin board in the narthex for you to take home so you can be prepared for class.

Don't forget!

Dec. 2nd Make it Take it
Dec. 9th Living Nativity!
We will be needing cookies for both events!

Senior Activities

September 25 - Monday - Potluck - South church
6:00 P.M.
October 23 - Monday - Thanksgiving - Christmas
Potluck
6:00 P.M.

November and December - NO MEETINGS

- So many notes of thanks...
- To Linda and Keith Bohley for providing a wonderful place for our picnic
 - To Kevin Larson for painting and painting and painting
 - To Zeke Arters and Lou Orosz for cleaning up around the north church
 - To Denise Boreman for helping Howard and I unload 1500+ pounds of apple butter
 - To Ed & Jayne Cole for supplying hot dogs and the cooking for some of our outdoor worship services
 - To Jacci Orosz for providing altar flowers this summer and doing bulletins while I was away
 - To Keith Bohley for covering for while I was away
 - All the volunteers for the kid's nights
 - And ALL OF YOU for making Chatham a wonderful, welcoming place

Apple Butter Gift Baskets!

Don't forget to get your gift baskets items to the church by Monday, October 9th! We have several baskets that we saved from the rummage sale and we will put them together for you! Just bring your items for the basket to the church! Thank you! Luann



Chatham Happenings

- **Oct. 14 & 15** Historical museums will be open! Antique farm equipment and a flea market will be at the Community Center, with a quilt raffle at the VFW pavilion.
- **Oct. 19, 7pm** Meet the candidates at the Community Center
- **Oct. 28, 6—7:30pm** Trunk or Treat! At the Community Center parking lot. Halloween party in the gym following! Prizes for best decorated vehicle and best costume! Prizes are given in memory of Joyce and Charlie Siman
- **Oct. 16 and Nov 18** Movie night at the Community Center
- **Dec. 2** — Chatham Christmas Tree lighting! Start thinking about you Holiday yard décor! The township will again be giving prizes for the best Christmas decorations!

Chatham Trick or Treat!

Halloween is coming soon!

The King and Queen of Chatham will be at the church handing out candy to the children. If you would like to donate candy or help pass out candy or cider to the parents, please let Luann know!

