

The Evangel

The Good News of Chambers Memorial

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Matthew 25: 34-40

‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. **35** For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, **36** I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? **38** When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? **39** When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

MISSIONS

A church is more than just Sunday worship. It is also outreach to the wider community. It is something the Presbytery considers when reviewing the value of keeping any particular church open. Chambers Memorial has a reputation as "little but mighty". Even when we can't do as much as we used to and our contributions are less than our bigger sister churches, we are still keeping up the effort.. In this newsletter you will find details on all our mission efforts for the rest of 2021. And be assured that your donations to Gemma, Chester Eastside and Connect By Night do not take precedence over our church family or building.

Mary E (Lynn) Woodling, Treasurer



As a result of the merger in 2019 of Silver Springs – Martin Luther School and the Village, Gemma Services, as the combined organization is now known, was able to expand the continuum of services provided for at-risk children and families. A recent adoption brought an example of this to life.

Marquis* initially came to Gemma through the Village’s Foster Family Care Program where he was cared for by one of the organization’s dedicated foster parents. Subsequently, Marquis entered the former Silver Springs’ Residential Treatment Program for youth. A few months ago, Gemma celebrated Marquis’ recent adoption into a loving “forever family” through Gemma’s Adoption and Permanency Program. First through the legacy the Village, then through Silver Springs, and now through the combined Gemma Services, our organization is honored to have been able to help Marquis find his brighter future.

In this way, his story shows how the combination of the two organizations enables Gemma to be able to help kids throughout their journey.



Gemma carries on the two legacy organizations’ more than 300 years of dedicated service to vulnerable and at-risk youth and families in our communities.

*The youth's name has been changed to protect his privacy.

Back-to-School Backpacks through Gemma



The Back-to-School Backpack and School Supplies Project began in 2003. The project was begun by Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church to help children start the school with the tools they need to succeed. From those first 125 backpacks, the project has blossomed into a full-scale effort to make sure that every child served by the Village (now Gemma) has a backpack filled with school supplies to start the school year off right. They distributed more than 525 backpacks to school aged children in 2019.

We are filling 5 Back Packs in 2021 and looking for:

- Composition Books
- Pocket folders
- Large erasers
- colored pencils or markers
- glue Sticks (no paste or liquid glue)

Other items not on this list will be boxed and also donated.



Supplies are needed before August 8, 2021

Christmas Gift cards for Foster Children through Gemma

Most years the congregation buys and sells Boscov's Friends Helping Friends coupons for \$5 each to raise \$1000 in \$25 gift cards. The gift cards are purchased from other charities to contribute to their fund raising. Last year due to Covid-19

Boscov's did not supply coupons and their Friends Helping Friends event only brought in \$71. In 2021, our Mission Committee sold yard sale items on Facebook Marketplace and held a Spring Yard Sale with a concert by Hard Times Woebegone String Band to help raise these funds.

Just today, June 23rd, we were informed Boscov's is bringing back their Friends Helping Friends coupons. We registered and hope to be selling these coupons by the end of summer for \$5. The Boscov's Sale date will be October 20th!



Gifts for the Manger Baby Items

Baby Jesus had nothing when he was born except the hay in a manger, but he also had something else, the love of two parents. The Outreach committee would also like to provide some love in the form of much needed baby supplies for infants that come through the Gemma system.

A child removed from his/her home often arrives in foster care with no personal belongings. This need is especially acute for a baby who requires a safe place to sleep, a car seat, safety items for a new home, clothing, diapers and formula.

Welcome kits such as toddler friendly shampoo, soap, wipes, hand sanitizer, bibs and onesies and blankets will be collected during the month of December. Everything must be new.



Connect-by-Night Toiletries & Socks

Each year we collect toiletries and socks to distribute approx. 50 bags to homeless in Delaware County. The bags are filled by our guest Girl Scout Troops.

CANDY, COMBS, DEODORANT, DRAWSTRING BAGS, EMERY BOARDS, FLOSS, HAND SANITIZER, LIP BALM MANICURE SET, MOUTH WASH, POWDER, SMALL HAIR BRUSHES, SOAP, SOCKS, SHOWER GEL, TABLETS, WASH CLOTHS



This year, also with the help of our Girl Scouts, we will be collecting eyeglasses to be donated to the Lion's Club.

Usable Glasses Give New Life

Refractive errors can be easily corrected with eyeglasses, yet millions living in low and middle income countries lack access to basic eye care services. Lions have recognized the urgent need for corrective lenses and collect usable glasses in their communities to support the Lions Recycle For Sight Program.



Historical Notes:



Ingathering l-r Etta Reese, Lillian Brodie, Dot Walters, Betty Russ, Ellen Furey

As women became more involved in work outside the home and their time schedules tightened in the 1970s, membership in women's groups declined. In the year 2001, the Women's Association was disbanded and a small group called Presbyterian Women continued to meet for Bible study and service which included the "In-Gathering", visitation of shut-ins and support of a number of mission projects.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be August 9 - 13 (Mon-Fri) from 6:00-8:00 pm. Child Evangelism Fellowship has been invited to bring their 5-Day Club to our church again this summer. The theme for 2021 is "Discovering Jesus".

**Register via email to the church office
chambersmemorialchurch@gmail.com or
Call 610-544-1493**



Invite your friends and relatives!

Free!!! Dynamic Bible Lessons, Fun songs and crafts. Active games and snacks!

Session Minutes June 20, 2021

Opened with prayer: 11:28 am

Approved minutes of May, 2021 meeting and post in library

PASTOR'S REPORT

Discussion of leaving the Lectionary for the summer and studying The Lord's Prayer

SESSION COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WORSHIP

Communion Served: June- 15

Average attendance: May 16

PROPERTY

Repairs: Landscaping, boiler flue, roofing, air conditioners, carpet cleaning, garage painting,

Rentals: Liberty Baptist and Team Action continue through the summer.

DayCare Update - Showed rooms to daycare start up, Sophia Hill Glenn

FINANCIAL see balance sheets in office

MEMBERSHIP CARE Sending cards: sympathy (Bellis family) and graduation (Amanda Hazeltine)

ACTIVITIES

Approved: Fellowship Hour once month to celebrate birthdays beginning September 19.

VBS - Aug 9-13 6-8pm will need volunteers for crafts

MISSIONS

Back to School Collection almost complete

Eyeglass collection with the Girl scouts

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting July 11 after worship

Newsletter deadline: June 23 (July), Aug 18 (Summer), Sept 22 (Oct)

Closed with Prayer at: 12:32pm

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Evan Jackson, Roger Warmerdam, Beth Buzza, Barbara Clarke, Ann and Bill McLean, Marge Aungst, Donna Rubicam, Tom Spaccarelli, Don Smith, Kimberlee Bayle (Jean Borrer's daughter), Donna Casey (Anna Maria's Mother), Ellen Grace, Pamela Morris, Jim & MaryAnn Bramwell, George & Bette Alburger, Rick Crabtree, Peter Walters, Ruth Pearce, James Prendergast (friend of Richard Buzza), Brian Hija, Donnie Williams (Evelyn's brother), Steve Pisano (Son in law of Marge Aungst), Jenine Crossan, Marie Kinder, Rev. Jean Taylor, Judy & Dave Brosnan, Cheryl Anthonson (*friend of Ellen Grace*), Patty Spampinato (*sister of Ellen Grace*), Rev. Sharon Knoell, Eileen Pascale, Rich Williams, Gail Martin, David Grace Jr., Jim Frey, John Berges, Gabrielle Dilbeck, the Haseltine Family, and Kevin, Jake and John Bellis with the passing of Lillian Bellis



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Join us for Worship
Sunday, 10am

