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Chews United Methodist Church

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Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As we begin a new year we are filled with great joy and excitement. God is so good even in the midst of our joys and our sorrows, in our ups and our downs. But the awesome news of the season is Emmanuel: God with Us and it can't get any better than this. Just to know that the abiding and loving presence of God is with us allows us to face the future unafraid.

As we begin a new year I want to reflect on four ways which we Christians have power. These points were a part of an article printed in the October 2011 edition of *Christianity Today* entitled "Salt and Light: Four ways Christians can influence the World," written by the Reverend Doctor John R. W. Stott, former rector of All Souls Church in London.

(1) There is power in prayer. This is the basic practice which every Christian disciple needs to employ to be about the work of ministry. Without prayer there is no power. Prayer is the energy which propels us into ministry. May we at Chews be a prayer centered body of believers who are continually energized by the Holy Spirit.

(2) There is the power of truth. As Romans 1: 16 says, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek." We each have a choice; we can believe in God or

the lies of the Devil. Who will we follow in the coming year? Will we follow the truth or will we be lead astray by the lies of the world? May we here at Chews follow the truth of God and may we not be lead astray by the lies of the world.

(3) Our third power as Christians is the power of example. People experience the gospel by the way we act not by the words we speak. May we here at Chews be "doers of the Word" by seeking to be Jesus Christ to everyone we meet. May God's love overflow from our lives that others might know the wonderful love of God.

(4) Christians have the power of group solidarity. Basically we need one another. We need community. We are empowered by community. We are the Church in the world working together for the cause of Christ. May we here at Chews grow in love and solidarity with one another and be a community where Christ is the head. May we work together to make a difference for Christ.

May we be so empowered to make a difference for the Kingdom of God for 2012. God has much for us to do and may we each be willing to carry out his mission here at Chews and around the world. Thanks be to God.

Making a difference with you,

Pastor Bill

Rev. Dr. William B. Wilson, Sr.

"The Church has therefore provided this vision and hope [to] save as many desperate human lives as possible."

—*Ntambo Nkulu Ntando, Resident Bishop of The United Methodist Church in North Katanga.*





What's going on with the youth?

Starting January 11th, we will be sitting in with the rest of the Wednesday night ministries for four weeks, watching four different Disney movies and then meeting at the end to discuss the biblical meanings in each movie. The movies will be Lion King, Pocahontas, Aladdin and Hunchback of Notre Dame.

We will meet again as our own group on Feb. 8th and our lesson will be - Low Self esteem. Feb.15th - Teen Romance. Feb 22nd - Peer Pressure. Feb 29th - The Necessity of Prayer.

As always, youth group starts at 6:30pm and ends at 8:00pm every Wednesday night. Children are encouraged to bring a friend. We always have a great time with bigger groups.

We will be heading to Keswick for our youth mid winter advance on Friday, Feb. 17th and returning on the 19th.

I'm pleased to report our confirmation class is going very well. We are into our 5th week already and I have a great group of kids. There is a total of six in this year's class.

As always, thanks to my adult leaders that help each week.

Blessings,
Greg Ducati, Sr.
Youth Leader, Chews UMC



**Come
on out
folks!**

Mid-Week Ministry

After a short Christmas break, Chews' Mid-Week Ministry will return on Jan. 11th. Over four weeks we will be watching Disney movies (yes!) in preparation for Pastor Bill's sermon series.

EVERYONE (the youngest to the oldest) is encouraged to join us at 6:30pm. After the movie, we will break into age-appropriate groups for discussion until 8:30pm.

January 11th - *Aladdin*

January 18th - *The Lion King*

January 25th - *Pocahontas*

February 1st - *Hunchback of Notre Dame*

Effective February 8th we will not be serving dinner weekly. However, please join us at 6:00 pm on the following dates:

January 11th, 18th, 25th, February 1st,

March 7th, April 18th, May 16th

A free will offering will be taken for these.

—Janine Flint

**on
Wednesdays**



Welcome to Chews!

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Barrington	Mary Ailene Lipsett Florence Mae Zane William John Zane
Bellmawr	Lori Ellen Estrada
Blackwood	Marlene Crank Robert Donald Crank, Sr.
Glendora	Kathleen Elizabeth Conklin
Laurel Springs	William Carll Blizzard, Jr.
Magnolia	Erin Pendell Schneid Jason Frederic Schneid Richard William Spencer Miriam Jane Spencer
Runnemede	Amy Barney Amato Brian Matthew Scanlon Staci Elyn Scanlon
West Deptford	Nancy Estella Cerkez
Woodbury	Joseph Allan Cavanagh Lisa Marie Cavanagh

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Over the next several months, Chews will be expanding our small groups. Please be on the lookout for a survey that will be sent via e-mail and Facebook. (We will also have copies of the surveys available at the church for those who do not use computers.)

We are asking that you give your input into which types of small groups you would like to see. (Some recent suggestions have been explorations of Spiritual Gifts, The Social Principles of the UMC, and "Methodist 101"). Your input is very important as we move forward in this area.

If you have an interest in facilitating a small group or leading a study, please see Janine Flint or e-mail her at janine@chewsumc.com. Thank you.

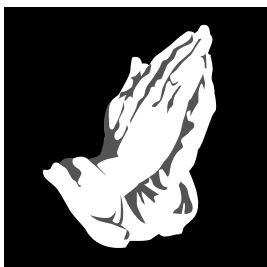


ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES JAN. 8TH

We ended the year with a quick study of Ephesians, after a very in-depth look at Job. There was great discussion, guided group work, and prayer. The atmosphere is respectful and enhances the learning and discipleship. Newcomers welcome to join us; no prior experience necessary.

The first focus of 2012 will be found among the Minor Prophets, which are so-named only due to the short length of these 12 books of the Old Testament.

Class currently meets in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am.



Are You In Need of Prayer? Can You Intercede for Others?

If you have a prayer request during the week, please e-mail the specific concern to prayers@chewsumc.com. There are approximately 80 people that have committed to pray. If you are interested in becoming one of our Prayer Warriors, please e-mail your name to that address and you will be added to the list and receive prayer requests as they come in.





The Gospel in Disney

Jan. 15 th	“Aladdin: Building God Esteem” 1 Peter 5: 1-7
Jan. 22 nd	“The Lion King: Finding Our Identity” Genesis 49: 9-10 & Revelation 5:5
Jan. 29 th	“Pocahontas: The Hard Way” Matthew 7: 13-14, 24-27
Feb. 5 th	“The Hunchback of Notre Dame: Loving the Unlovable” Ezekiel 34: 1-16

Eternal Questions... A Series about Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived

Feb. 12 th	“Are You On the Highway to Hell?” Matthew 25: 31-46
Feb. 19 th	“Are You on the Stairway To Heaven?” Luke 15: 11-32

Baptisms

Lauren Sophia Aja
Brayden David Mason
Nathan Windsor Schneid
Cole Matthew Vannais
Marlene Crank
Brian Matthew Scanlon

'Twas More Than A Baby

**'Twas more than a baby
Born that day,
At a time far off
In a land far away.**

**'Twas more than a baby,
More than a child
Worshipped by Wise men
And shepherds mild.**

**He was more than a baby
To be loved and adored.
How little they knew
He would be their Lord.**

**Born in a stable,
No place in the Inn,
For the one who came
To cleanse man from sin.**

**They worshipped the baby
For they hadn't a clue
He would die on a cross
For me and for you.**

**'Twas more than a baby
Born on that day.
Look beyond the stable
And a bed of hay.**

—Dorothy M. Bills

Thank You So Much

Thank you dear friends for the wonderful welcome back celebration last Sunday evening (10/16). The food and the program was fantastic. Thank you for the kind gifts and the wonderful outpouring of love through cards and gifts. You are all a special gift from God for us.

Pastor Bill & Dawn



Continent Benefits from Hobby: Chadd Makes A Difference



Chadd Pierce of Chews United Methodist presents a



check for \$3000 to District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Costello for Wings of the Morning. Chadd is a 16-year old special-needs member of Chews that attends worship weekly and enthusiastically expresses his love for the Lord.

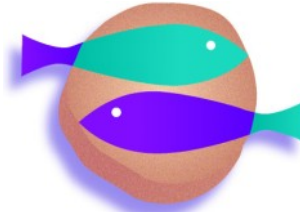
Chadd has combined his passion for airplanes, his unique gift of being a people person and his love for the Lord to collect coins for this aviation ministry in the North Katanga* Annual Conference. When Pastor Bill Wilson returned from Annual Conference with the information about **Wings of the Morning** it was decided that Chadd needed a ministry to further develop his faith in a way that was meaningful to him.

Chadd began a four-month campaign that raised \$3000.00 with the help of the Groveville UMC congregation, which gave \$611 in honor of Chadd.



* located in the province of the Congo-DR. It is one of three episcopal areas of the UMC in Africa. Katanga is primarily an agricultural region with 36 districts.

<http://www.northkatangaumc.org/wingsmorn.html>



Attendance & Giving

Date	Attendance	Operations	Capital Campaign
Oct. 2 nd	236	\$6,531.00	\$0.00
9 th	211	\$3,686.00	\$0.00
16 th	288	\$5,745.52	\$0.00
23 rd	215	\$3,821.25	\$0.00
30 th	205	\$4,648.75	\$0.00
Nov. 6 th	278	\$5,270.90	\$0.00
13 th	289	\$4,708.41	\$0.00
20 th	219	\$6,195.00	\$0.00
27 th	231	\$5,479.22	\$20.00
Special Giving	Good Samaritan		\$ 275.00
	United Methodist Homes		\$ 102.50
	United Methodist Student		\$ 70.00
	Africa University		\$ 173.00

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Sunday, February 5th

Submissions should be sent to newsletter@chewsunc.com only or leave a written or printed* copy in the office mailbox. Please keep items brief & include a contact person. Thank you!

*avoid tiny or fancy typefaces since manual articles are scanned for Optical Character Recognition ☺



† DEATHS †

Elizabeth (Betty) Malcolm
Dorothy Strater
Ethel Ratchup
Carol M. Chain



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Did you know that...
Chews UMC is on the Web ?

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Our church website has a great deal of important information. Some things on the website are the church calendar, weekly bulletins, sermon audio, and information about ministry areas. There are links to other Internet sites, including all website references made in *The Church Mouse*. A color edition of this newsletter is posted there, too.

Also, our church is on *Facebook*. Just search for Chews United Methodist Church. (The correct page has an image of the sky.)

These are convenient ways to keep up-to-date with your community of faith.

TWO MONTHS OF SUNDAYS

January 1 st	11:00 AM (One combined Worship Service) with our Young Adults leading us in worship.
January 8 th	Mission Sunday with Mr. Wil Wilson, Jr., our US2 Missionary to Fargo North Dakota preaching at all three services.
January 15 th	Celebration of Holy Communion for the New Year at all three services.
January 22 nd	Baptism Renewal Sunday. We will have a time to remember our baptisms and be thankful at all three services and we will be celebrating with all the children who Pastor Bill has baptized at the 11:00 AM Service.
January 29 th	Bring a Friend or Neighbor to Worship with you.
February 5 th	Celebration of Holy Communion at all services with Souper Bowl of Caring.
February 12 th	Eternal Questions (part one) a series about Heaven, Hell and the Fate of Every Person who ever lived.
February 19 th	Eternal Questions (part two) a series about Heaven, Hell and the Fate of Every Person who ever lived.
February 26 th	Pulpit Exchange Sunday: Reverend Douglas A. Goldsborough of Mt. Zion UMC in Lawnside preaching at all three services. Pastor Bill will be preaching at Mt. Zion.