



Love Chapel Newsletter

Ecumenical Assembly of Bartholomew County Churches, Inc.

MARCH 2021

ECUMENICAL ASSEMBLY MEMBER CHURCHES

- Asbury UMC
- Columbus Free Methodist
- East Columbus UMC
- Fairlawn Presbyterian
- First Baptist
- First Christian
- First Lutheran
- First Presbyterian
- First UMC
- Hope Moravian
- Memorial Baptist
- Mt. Olive UMC
- New Hope Christian
- New Zion UMC
- North Christian
- Old Union United Church of Christ
- Petersville UMC
- Sandy Hook United Methodist
- Second Baptist
- St. Bartholomew
- St. Paul's Episcopal
- St. Peter's Lutheran
- The Ridge
- The Rock
- Westside Community

Bountiful Blessing

Written by Jodi Sladek, Food Pantry Manager



If you have been through the Love Chapel food pantry and warehouse you will notice that we have been blessed abundantly. Even more so with the pandemic. Paul says, in 2 Corinthians 9:10, "Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness."

Paul is urging the Corinthians to be generous in their giving to suffering Christians in Jerusalem. He says they should give willingly and cheerfully of what God has given them. God is the only one who ultimately provides both the seed for bread and bread itself. In other words, God makes the giver capable of giving. Paul goes on to share that God will multiply these seeds of those who give in order to increase the harvest of the righteousness that comes as a result. It is important to note that the increase is to benefit the one who receives.

Our community has given willingly and out of love, and not obligation during this pandemic. This in return has given us at Love Chapel the opportunity to bless those who come to us in need. Although, many have come for the food, I believe that they, as well as the volunteers, are being blessed by God through the giver. It's an opportunity to show Christ's love in action. And, it gives us the opportunity to be more than a materialistic outlet, it is also a spiritual outlet of showing

Message from the Executive Director

Written by Kelly Daughtery

The beginnings of spring are always a time that I cherish – it is a very special time. It reminds me of new life, beginnings, and a sense of anticipation for the beauty of the year. It is my hope that this year, 2021, is a year that abounds in beauty. We are thankful to see the progress being made in the fight against the spread of the coronavirus, and like spring, we look forward to this chapter being over and a fresh start beginning.

Unfortunately, the world in which we live will likely look very different. Once the pandemic eases, so too will the extra government assistance. This likely means a terrible surge in demand. Many small businesses will not survive, jobs will become harder to get, and there will be many people in need. Here at Love Chapel, we are preparing for this and will be ready to meet the needs of our community. We are well positioned to serve others and will do so in the name of Jesus Christ!

Thanks and Have a wonderful Easter!

Trusted Mentor Coordinator

Written by Stacey McAnelly



Hello All,

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Stacey McAnelly. I was born and raised here in Bartholomew County. This community has taught me a lot in my 40 years of life. I've had a number of positions within the community, all of which had me working with the diverse population that Bartholomew County houses. When I was chosen to be Love Chapel's Trusted Mentor Coordinator, I was so very thankful and felt so very blessed that my life and work had led me to this opportunity. I'm really excited to be a part of the Trusted Mentor Program. I'm excited to present it but I'm more excited for the success and life changes of our Mentors and Mentees as they move through the process. I believe in the Trusted Mentor program, because I believe the at-risk adult population is deserving enough to have the support they need to maintain what our agencies have assisted them with. I believe Bartholomew County houses a lot of professionals who have a strong skill set and knowledge of what it is to make changes that stimulates success.

The Trusted Mentor Program is a leading provider of volunteer mentors to at risk adults. It originated out of Indianapolis to help serve the adult homeless population. Later, they adapted and started serving young adults aging out of foster care and those exiting out of incarceration. Currently, they have had tremendous success, which is amazing considering the obstacles all of us has encountered over the last year. The Trusted Mentor Program is a strength-based program that focuses on the mentee's own strengths. A Trusted Mentor provides support to the mentee by guiding and encouraging the mentee to perserver though the steps of becoming self sufficient and independent. A Trusted mentor provides guidance by being patient, by being an active listener, and by being positive. They encourage by highlighting the mentees strengths and by being a resource for concrete ideas. A Trusted Mentor is a bright light in the mentees time of darkness. In the short term, stability is the goal. In the long term, the goal is self-sufficiency. In the end, our mentees can develop a lasting positive sense of self and live a life of independence and success.

Food Resources by Jodi Sladek, Food Pantry Manager



Every Tuesday, we have had six volunteers who come faithfully to pack items for Love Chapel Cares School Packs. In the month of February we were able to provide care packages to 2177 students in grades 1-6, as well as Busy Bees. We only have 8 more weeks to pack for the kiddos.

We are so thankful for the donations for this program. If you would like to help items needed are: snacks, individual cereal, cereal bars, little bite muffins, individual fruit cups, pudding cups, canned pasta with protein (spaghetti O's with meatballs), or you can make a monetary donation.

Numbers for the month of February: Food Pantry number served 525 families - 2107 individuals
 Pounds of food through the pantry 111,290lbs
 Hot Meals Served 154

Volunteers by Kathy Thompson, Volunteer Coordinator

We would like to say Thank You to our volunteers for all your hard work!!! We really appreciate all that you do to help show Christ's Love in Action.

Numbers for month of February:

- New volunteers: 20
- One-Time Volunteers: 21
- Number of volunteers served during the month: 139

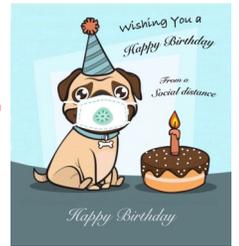


If you would like to find out more about volunteering please contact Kathy at volunteer@columbuslovechapel.com

Upcoming dates for orientation:

- Monday, March 8th - 1:30 pm
- Monday, March 22nd - 1:30 pm
- Monday, April 12th - 1:30 pm
- Monday April 26th - 1:30 pm

*Orientation is held via Zoom, please contact Kathy for info.



March Birthdays

- 3/6 Sue G
 - 3/9 Anna G
 - 3/12 Sheryl E
 - 3/31 Tim H
- Anniversaries:**
- 3/22 Conrad and Jane H.

Brighter Days by Danelle Mathis, Housing Manager

Brighter Days continues to serve the homeless in our community. If you are interested in volunteering at Brighter Days, please contact Kathy Thompson. We can use volunteers all shifts.

"I enjoy working at Brighter Days meeting other volunteers and staff, they are so friendly. It is a nice facility whether an individual is staying 1 night or longer. I feel that it is a good program to help people. I was talking to a client the other night and it was cool to hear the excitement in their voice about getting an apartment." ~ Dan B.

Numbers for the month of February:

- Individuals served: 30 Average number served: 12.68



Emergency Financial Assistance by Rev. Larry Rowe, Outreach

Numbers for February:

- Individuals receiving Financial Assistance: 28
- Dollars Committed to Financial Assistance: \$15,862
- Dollars committed to Direct Assistance: \$9,420.85
- Volunteers in Medicine: \$500

Note from Operations Manager by Janice Kotnik, Operations Manager

We have some hot meal spots open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in April. We are looking for churches, groups, or individuals who would be willing to cook and serve these meals. If you are interested please contact Janice at operations@columbuslovechapel.com.

Meals are still being done as a take out.



Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



Love Chapel

Main Office: 311 Center St.

Food Pantry: 292 Center St.

Brighter Days: 421 Mapleton St.

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Instagram: [lovechapel](https://www.instagram.com/lovechapel)

- **March 23rd - Mobile Pantry at St. Paul Lutheran Church**
- **April 2nd - Good Friday Service—Streaming from You Tube Link to Love Chapel is [Love Chapel - YouTube](#); the link to Facebook is [Love Chapel - Ecumenical Assembly of Bartholomew County Churches | Facebook](#) starting at noon.**
- **April 2nd & 3rd Love Chapel Office and Food Pantry closed**
 - **April 27th - Mobil Pantry at Ogilville Christian Church**