



Love Chapel Newsletter

Ecumenical Assembly of Bartholomew County Churches,

MAY 2021

Devotional Thought

Written by Rev. Larry Rowe, Outreach

“Today, the eyes of individuals are much brighter. Their hearts are much lighter because you provided God’s blessings and gifts to them.”

Message from the Executive Director

Written by Kelly Daugherty

I hope this newsletter finds you well – I thought I would start out with a weather report! Spring has sprung, or so the calendar says. It has been an abnormally cool May, thus far, and my fear is we will jump straight into the hot weather without getting to enjoy what few 75-degree days with sunshine, that May usually brings. I think we all look forward to those pretty days and sometimes, we can feel robbed, when we don’t get them!

Trust me, I have more important things to write about than the weather, but I can’t help but to use the weather as an analogy to what we have going on in our world. Think back to last year in March, when the pandemic went into full force!! It seemed as if the world we knew was very bleak – kind of like winter. Gradually, though, we have worked through so much and we have gotten to the point where we can look forward and see the bright summer ahead of us. We are in the springtime of the season and we look forward to those pretty days.

With the progress made against this pandemic, it hasn’t been quite as nice at this point, as what we had hoped for. There still are many cases out there, individuals still suffer, and we still have individuals who have paid the very highest price. In short, the end or hoped for end, is not near as pretty as we had hoped. For those who have been economically impacted, there has been a lot of government assistance to help people weather this storm, but most of that will be ending as the summer months come on us.

That is why it is our expectation that we will see a tremendous explosion in people seeking help over the summer. Demand this spring has been low for food and housing, but I am quite certain that a dramatic shift is beginning to occur. Through the generosity of our churches, and our community, Love Chapel stands poised to meet this need. We are positioned well to provide services to those who come to us and we will continue to be Christ’s Hands and Feet in our community!

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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

Note from Operations Manager

by Janice Kotnik, Operations Manager

Looking for a way to help serve those in need in Columbus? Love Chapel is searching for individuals and groups to provide a hot meal on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings this summer for approximately 30 people. Love Chapel can help defray the cost by providing much of the food for the meal. We just need the hands and feet to prepare the food and serve at the hot meal sites! Hot meals are currently “to go” due to COVID. For more information, please email operations@columbuslovechapel.com.



Welcome New Housing Manager

My name is Madelynn Marks and I graduated from Indiana University in December with a degree in nonprofit management and leadership. I have always had a heart for serving my community and ever since I was young I loved volunteering to help different organizations around town. After I graduated from IU, I knew where I needed to be and that was back in Columbus helping people in the community I grew up in. I'm very blessed to have this opportunity to work for Love Chapel and I'm excited to see what the future holds. In my spare time I enjoy hiking, being outdoors, and spending time with my friends and family.



Brighter Days

by Maddie Marks, Housing Manager

Numbers for the month of April:

- ◇ Individuals Served—26
- ◇ Average Number Served—9.13
- ◇ Permanent Housing—3

Emergency Financial Assistance

By Rev. Larry Rowe, Outreach Manager

Numbers for the month of April:

- Individuals receiving Financial Assistance: 8
- Dollars Committed to Financial Assistance: 6708.48
- Dollars committed to Direct Assistance: 3884.80
- Volunteers in Medicine: \$500

Trusted Mentor

By Stacey McAnelly,
Trusted Mentor Coordinator

The Trusted Mentor,

“Mentoring goes back as far as Homer’s classic work The Odyssey. As the adventurer is about to depart on a ten-year journey, Odysseus leaves his son Telemachus with a servant named Mentor. In the absence of the father, Mentor’s role was to guide and inspire Telemachus as the youngster prepared himself for his future task as the ruler of Ithaca.” When I first read this passage out of the Trusted Mentor Handbook, I was amazed this book was used as a reference for the history of what a mentor is.

A Trusted Mentor is a wise and trusted friend that helps us along our path to success. Success looks different from person to person. Our mentors come from all walks of life, just like our potential mentees. Through policies and regulations, our agency’s walk with the participant is often limited. The Mentors walk with the mentee has no limit. This volunteer relationship is self-guided with healthy boundaries in place. A mentoring relationship is a one on one relationship. Its non-faith based unless decided other wise by the mentor and the mentee.

Mentoring builds confidence and other personal assets.

Mentoring provides a neutral resource, a safe place to vent and explore new options.

Mentoring provides a role model for a different way toward success

Love Chapel Bartholomew County Trusted Mentor currently has 5 active Mentors that do just that for their mentees. We have another 6 that are waiting to be matched. We have 6 active agency partnerships and two more currently is the process to becoming active.

Love Chapel Trusted Mentor has an agency presentation for those that seek more information on becoming active partners. Also, we have an informational presentation for those who are curios about becoming mentors.

If you would like more information, please contact Stacey McAnelly via email

trustedmentor@columbuslovechapel.com.



Food Resources

By Jodi Sladek, Food Pantry Manager

Mobile Pantry is the fourth Tuesday of every month, where we have an opportunity to take the Love Chapel Truck—loaded with food, and visit various neighborhoods in Bartholomew County.

Starting May 12th, we are doing an evening mobile pantry at Candlelight Village. This is an opportunity to reach out to the Hispanic communities. As well as those who work and cannot visit during the regular pantry & mobile pantry hours. Our hope for the evening mobile pantry is to visit mobile home parks like Candlelight and Heritage Heights that have a larger Hispanic presence.

If you would like to learn more about how your church or small group can help with the mobile pantries by either preparing bags or volunteering on site please email our Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@columbuslovechapel.com.

Numbers for the month of April:

- ◇ Food Pantry—469 families 1675 individuals
- ◇ Mobile Pantry—48 families 171 individuals
- ◇ School Packs—2702 kids
- ◇ Pounds of food through pantry—99,457 lbs
- ◇ Hot Meals Served— 128

Volunteers

By Kathy Thompson, Volunteer Coordinator

Love Chapel will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Banquet this year. We currently do not have a set date, but we can share that it will happen in September.

We appreciate you all and want to celebrate—YOU! So keep your ears and eyes open for more information to come concerning the banquet.

Numbers for the month of April:

- ◇ New Volunteers—4
- ◇ One-Time Volunteers—37
- ◇ Number of Volunteers who served: 174



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

Upcoming dates for orientation:

Monday, May 10th & 24th- 1:30 pm

Monday, June 14th & 28th - 1:30 pm

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



MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/5 Cliff Putterill

5/19 Christi Tam

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/4 Marijane Hittle

6/5 Bonnie Burbrink

6/9 Simone Petit-Homme

6/10 Paul Gerth

6/11 Betsy Larson

6/22 Tom Hadley

6/23 John Brooks

6/28 Dave Brown



- May 12—Evening Mobile Pantry at Candlelight Village 4p-6p
- May 25—Mobile Pantry at Elizabethtown UMC 9a-10:30a
- May 29-31—Office Closed Memorial Day
- June 22—Mobile Pantry at Hope Moravian Church 9a-10:30a



Main Office: 311 Center St.

Food Pantry: 292 Center St.

Brighter Days: 421 Mapleton St.

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Brighter Days: 812-344-4512

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