

The Steeple



CHIPPEWA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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Speaks the Word of God...

Shares the Love of Christ....

Makes the Kingdom of God Visible...

Meet Our New Director of Children's Ministry

Malinda (Mandy) Gilberti has been hired as our new Director of Children's Ministry.

After interviewing several candidates, it was unanimously discerned that Mandy was the right fit for our congregation.

Mandy spent most of her life in the Johnstown area where she had a long career in banking, raised her children (Marykate

and Max), and helped in the children's ministry at her church. Mandy developed curriculum including making accommodation for children with differing abilities ranging from autism to auditory impairment.

Mandy had a more recent pastor that encouraged her to consider seminary and a call to Christian vocation. Mandy graduated

from United Lutheran Seminary in May of 2020.

God has now led her here to Chippewa United Methodist Church. We are thrilled to welcome Mandy and her husband Frank. They moved to the Chippewa area about 7 months ago and are excited to join our congregation.



MANDY GILBERTI
OUR NEW
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
DIRECTOR !

Amazon Smile Benefits Our Preschool

Just a reminder that your Amazon orders can be a benefit to our Preschool!

Login to your account via smile.amazon.com and select Chippewa

United Methodist Church as your preferred charity. On the Amazon app, go to AmazonSmile ON and Amazon will donate to

us at no extra cost to you.

All donations received will benefit the Chippewa UM Preschool.



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When are we going to get back to normal?

*“See, I am doing a **new thing!** Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” Isaiah 43:19*

I know we wish for church to be “normal.” Because church is one, or maybe, the only unchanging thing in our life. We want the consistence of order and knowing what to expect so we can feel calm and grounded.

But we serve a God who does not do “normal.” God does anything but

normal. From calling light out of darkness to raising Jesus from death and the dark tomb. God does not do normal. Our God is “abnormal,” our God is extraordinary. Our God is amazing, wonderous and wonderful. God never leaves us where we are but calls us to salvation, calls us to a better world, and a better life.

Maybe we had become too complacent in our pews or folding chairs. Maybe we thought church was about making

us comfortable. Maybe we wanted reassured instead of having the assurance of God’s grace.

Sure, masks will come off and some things will look like they used to look. But we cannot go back to normal, because we serve a God who is extraordinary and nowhere near normal in any way. Let us hold fast because God is doing a new thing! Right now, and right here! Right in us and around us! Praise God!

Pastor Allan

United Methodist Women



July 9- Ice cream Social 7:00-8:00pm. Please sign up in the church office.

Help needed for Funeral Meals, Sew Many Blessings, and Kitchen Care. Call Judy Rogers 724-312-3818

Photo of Members of Chippewa United Methodist Women, Judy Rogers, Carole Gebhard, Sharon Elliott, and Joyce Snyder, who volunteered at Eastbrook Mission Barn to verify contents of flood buckets. Thank you, ladies, for your mission work that touches lives of people in disaster areas.

UMW is collecting Fabuloso cleaner (must be between 16 or 40 ounces) and Air freshener (must be 4-to-8-ounce spray). If not those sizes, then they cannot be used in the buckets. A box is in the church coat room for collection.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Anyone who would like to volunteer to make prayer shawls for CUMC, can call me for yarn.

I also have a set of knitting needles and extra crochet hooks.

Eileen Cole
724-843-0355



Our Church Family

BIRTH

Lylah Rose Nocera
May 18, 2021, born to
Louis and Leah Nocera.



IN HONOR OF

A donation was made to Sew Many Blessings in honor of Kent & Marcia Parkhill's 50th wedding anniversary by Donna Manwiller.

A donation was made to the Mortgage Fund in honor of Kent & Marcia Parkhill's 50th wedding

anniversary by Michael & Susan Hill.

A donation was made to Prayer & Witness in honor of Sandy Murphy by Lee Vega.

A donation was made to Youth Ministry in honor of Terry & Cathy Sicard by Lee Vega.



Hello, Men of God,
Praying all is well with you and your families. So, have you been the Better Man since the last article? And how many times have you doubted GOD in the last couple weeks?

‘Philip said to Jesus, “Lord, show us the Father, and that is sufficient for us.” ‘

Was he nuts? All of what Jesus had done and they still had doubts. Show us the Father. Now the Titanic, it was deemed unsinkable, invincible, yet today where is it? At the bottom of the ocean. Come on, Men, “Blessed are those who believe, that haven’t seen.” John 14:18 Jesus told His disciples that He would not leave us as orphans. However, after His arrest they began to doubt His word to them. By the time He was crucified, their doubts turned to fear.

Men, do we do the same thing? We place our faith in Christ, and then through a turn of events, we find

ourselves crying out to GOD? WE also doubt and wonder why He allows adversity to touch our hearts?

Come on, Men, we got to be the Better Man. Get down on our knees and give it all to the Lord.

Look, when Margie passed, I was a mess. I didn’t know if I could get through this. I was on my knees, and GOD said, “Don’t worry – I got this.” Our two children stepped up. Todd took over the finances, and Sheri handled the doctors and nurses and then after, the cremation procedure.

Since we planned the memorial and it has come to be, I now can handle the finances, buy the car after the lease, take care of the cat, have a wonderful cleaning service, and other great things going on. Why? Because I let GOD have control. He is the why, the truth, and the light.

When we lose our perspective of GOD’s overriding, unceasing care of us, we usually lose our sense of GOD’s peace as well. Cast our burdens on Him in prayer. Tell GOD what bothers us, what robs our joy and peace, and then really believe He has heard us and will answer.

The situation is in GOD’s hands. He is in control. He is able to bring about a solution, whenever, and however, He chooses.

When we reach that point, the peace of GOD is ours. When the pressure mounts, cast every burden on Him. All is in His care, and that will settle our soul as no other thought. Don’t doubt. Give Him all the honor and glory, and He will make our paths straight.

Love ya, Brothers,

As always, if you need prayer or to pray for someone, just call.

Brother Al

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WORSHIP

SATURDAY NIGHT WORSHIP

5:30pm Informal Traditional Worship
Church Sanctuary

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

8:30am & 11am

Morning Traditional Worship / Church Sanctuary

9:45am Contemporary Worship
Community Life Center

Live Streaming on Facebook ! 9:45AM & 11:00AM

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