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### Being Renewed in Christ

Dear Church Family,

As we step into a new season together, I am reminded of the encouragement found in 1 John 2:5-6. John writes that those who keep God's commands are truly living in Him and that we should walk as Jesus walked. This is a beautiful call for us to be renewed in Christ, allowing His life to shape our choices and our community.

Renewal in Christ begins with a heart that honors God's Word. When we take His commands seriously, we open ourselves to His transforming work. It means we turn away from sin with honest repentance (*Matthew 4:17*). It means we serve one another, just as Christ served us (*Philippians 2*). Renewal leads us to seek reconciliation with each other when relationships are strained (*Matthew 5:23-25*). It encourages us to keep our promises, reflecting integrity in all we say (*Matthew 5:37*). And it calls us to lift each other up in prayer, remembering that God's house is to be a house of prayer for all people (*Matthew 21:13*).

A key part of this renewal, as 1 John 1:7 reminds us, is walking in the light as Christ is in the light, which brings us into true fellowship with one another and allows the blood of Jesus to cleanse us from all sin.

When we honor God's word and strive to live as He commands, we are not only transformed individually, but our community is strengthened in unity and love. Renewal in Christ means choosing the light—choosing honesty, forgiveness, and love—so that we may experience deeper fellowship and ongoing cleansing through Christ.

Practical ways to walk in the light each day include:

- Spend time in Scripture and prayer daily, allowing God's truth to guide your thoughts and actions.
- Practice honesty and transparency in your words and relationships, being willing to admit faults and seek forgiveness when needed.
- Forgive those who have wronged you, letting go of bitterness and opening your heart to reconciliation.
- Serve others in practical ways, offering encouragement, help, or a listening ear to those in need.
- Choose integrity in all you do, making decisions that reflect Christ's character even when no one is watching.
- Stay connected to fellow believers, joining in fellowship, worship, and mutual support that helps you grow in faith.

As we put these practices into action, we step more fully into the light of Christ, allowing His love to renew us and unite our church family in grace.

With love in Christ,  
Pastor

### **Pastor Visit**

If you would like a visit from our pastor, please do not hesitate to call either Susan Capelouto (Administrative Assistant) or Rev. Kerry Foote so that a visit can be arranged.



We don't know if you have heard...but we are now going live with our Sunday morning service on Facebook. If you cannot make the service in person, you can join our Facebook family. Give us a like and follow us on Facebook to get up to date information about upcoming events and you can access live sermons on Sunday or access our archive.

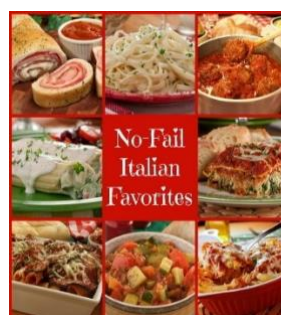
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### Church Council Town Hall Meeting



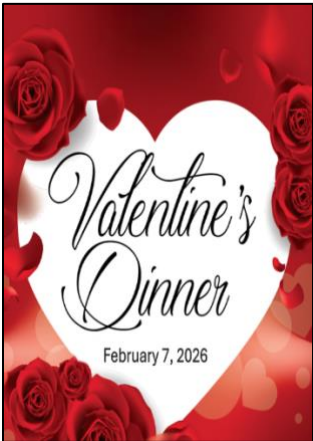
### Church Pot-Luck



On February 1, 2026, we will be having our 1<sup>st</sup> of the month church potluck in the multi-purpose building. In keeping with the idea of Valentine Day that is approaching, we are having an **Italian** theme...That's amore!

**Chaires Valentine Dinner**

We would be absolutely delighted to have you, and your loved ones join us for our cherished annual Valentine’s Day Dinner Extravaganza—an evening created just for the Chaires Methodist Church family and friends—coming up on **Feb. 7, 2026.**



Please consider this your personal invitation to share a night filled with laughter, love, and togetherness. Imagine savoring a delicious meal catered by Seineyard, surrounded by friends old and new, as we celebrate the joy of community and the blessings of friendship. This isn’t just a dinner—it’s a chance to make wonderful memories together!

Get ready for a night packed with great games, laughter, and exciting door prizes for everyone—you won’t want to miss a moment of the fun! To help us make this evening truly special, be sure to sign up on the back table in the multi-purpose building. The cost is \$25.00 per person

We can’t wait to celebrate with you—let’s make this Valentine’s gathering one to remember!



**Members**

Marion Lollie / Pat Alley / Diane Matthews / Gorden Phillips / Kerry and Tiffany Foote / Ken Hatcher / Russell Cark

**Friends and Family**

Glen Chaires (Francis Chaires) / Casandra Harbin (Francis Chaires) / Brooke Culverson (Francis Chaires) / Fay Shepard Family / Lisa Legette (Linda Minuichiello) / Sheena Forester / Ashley (Tiffany Foote) / Debbie Sosa (Edie Peters) / Candace (Unknown) / Loren Phillips / Nancy Fannin (Ed Fannin) / Ken Hatcher (Terry & Mike Hatcher) / Brian Mullen (Terry & Mike Hatcher) / Craig Larichiata (Marion Lollie) / Perry Family (Renee Grubb)

January Birthdays

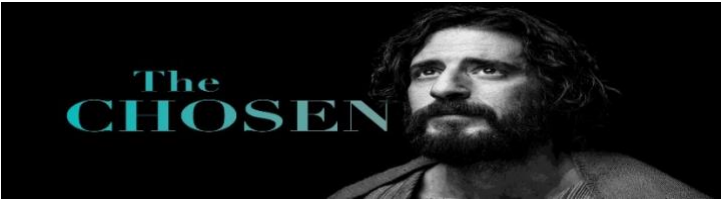
Chaires, Frances 17  
Lombardi, Jean 23  
Grubb, Renee 24  
Grubb, Dylan 29  
Hall, Maggie 30

January Anniversaries

Mike & Terry Hatcher 1  
Jon & Dot Berry 4  
Sammy & Marion Lollie 23

If you need your 2025 giving record,  
see Susan Capelouto.

**Movies Under the Oaks**



**February 20th (7:00 to 9:30)** Episodes 1 & 2  
**February 27th (7:00 to 8:15)** Episode 3  
**March 6<sup>th</sup> (7:00 to 8:15)** Episode 4  
**March 13<sup>th</sup> (8:00 to 9:15)** Episode 5  
**March 20<sup>th</sup> (8:15 to 9:30)** Episode 6  
**March 27<sup>th</sup> (8:15 to 9:30)** Episode 7  
**April 2<sup>nd</sup> (8:30 to 9:45)** Episode 8

**A Christian Homeschooling Group**

We are delighted to introduce the **Heart, Mind, and Soul Co-op**—a Christ-centered homeschooling group that has been utilizing our church facilities for their enrichment activities. Inspired by Matthew 22:37, this co-op serves as a unique space where homeschooling parents come together to share the responsibility of educating their children, support one another, and foster a community rooted in faith and fellowship.

The co-op meets three Fridays each month (the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Fridays) from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Chaires Methodist Church. After the morning classes, there is an optional lunch and fellowship time from 12:10 PM to 1:00 PM. All age groups are welcome to participate. On the 4th Friday of each month, the group hosts a special community day—whether at a park, on a field trip, or another local excursion—to further enrich the children’s experiences.

The heart of this co-op lies in its commitment to providing hands-on learning, opportunities for making friends, and a chance for children to grow together in reverence and guidance of the Lord. Parents benefit from each other's strengths and encouragement, making this group a blessing to all involved.

We are grateful to be able to support Heart, Mind, and Soul Co-op and look forward to seeing the positive impact they will continue to have within our church and the broader community.



**February 17<sup>th</sup> (6:00 to 7:30 pm)** Multi-purpose Bldg.  
**Mardi Gras Fat Tuesday Celebration:** There will be all you can eat pancakes with a toppings bar that has everything one would need to top a proper pancake.

**February 18<sup>th</sup> (7:00 to 8:00 pm)** Historic Sanctuary  
**Ash Wednesday Service:** This service kicks off our Lenten season and our sermon series titled: Renewed in Mercy. At this service we will have the imposition of ashes.

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> (8:30 to 9:45 pm)** Outdoor under Oaks  
**Maundy Thursday The Chosen Viewing:** This year we are substituting our normal Maudy Thursday in door service to watching Season 5 episode 8 (The Last Supper) of The Chosen outdoors under the oaks.

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> (7:00 to 8:00 pm)** Historic Sanctuary  
**Good Friday Service**

**April 4<sup>th</sup> (9:00 am to 9:00 pm)** Historic Sanctuary  
**Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil**

**April 5<sup>th</sup>: (7:00 am)** Petrandis Home  
**Easter Sunrise Service**