

## *“A Lighthouse Guiding People to Christ”*

We are in the third week of the series, “The Art of Hearing.” There are many sounds that can have a healing effect on a person, lift up their spirits. One sound for many is the purring of a cat. It has been understood to be a sound of happiness, but recently it has been discovered to also be healing both for the cat and a little for the person they are laying on top of. God, of course, is not a cat, but this morning we are looking at how the Voice of God heals us.

*Blessings,  
Pastor Mollie*

### January Birthdays

Chaires, Frances 17  
Lombardi, Jean 23  
Grubb, Renee 24  
Matthews, Edna 27  
Holland, Neva 28  
Grubb, Dylan 29  
Hall, Maggie 30

### Jan. Anniversaries

Mike & Terry Hatcher 1  
Jon & Dot Berry 4  
Sammy & Marion Lollie 23  
Michael & Jean Lombardi  
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### February Birthdays

Matthews, Diane 2  
Leggett, Wes 3  
Matthews, David 8  
Bradshaw, Mollie 9  
Glover, Bob 12

### Feb. Anniversaries

Don & Gail Dampier 12

**As we worship in person, all church services will continue to be posted after 1 pm each Sunday through the church website at [chairesumc.com](http://chairesumc.com).**

If you need your 2021 giving report, please see Susan Capelouto, the church secretary.

### **Teen Challenge on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>**

We will welcome Teen Challenge as they lead our worship. It has been the custom of the church to have a covered-dish lunch on the Sunday of their visit, but this year we have an alternative plan. We will, instead, provide casseroles for them to take back and share for their Sunday lunch. A casserole could be meat-based, macaroni and cheese, vegetable casserole, or a dessert. Please bring your casserole in a container that doesn't have to be returned. We will put them in the warmer so they will be hot and ready to eat when the men return home.



### Valentines for Madison Youth Ranch

If you would like to send a card to a child at the Madison Youth Ranch, please check out the Children's Home display table. There's a letter of information with the address of the ranch and some notecards.

### **Adult Sunday School**

This class will be meeting each Sunday at 9 AM. You can participate via phone, the dial-in number is (516) 387-8169.

### **Small Group Update**

The group that meets in-person on Wednesdays at 5 PM is progressing through the *Book of Revelation*.

The Zoom group has begun their study of the *Book of Acts*. See Pastor Mollie if you are interested in participating.

**The Church Council voted to extend the mask mandate through Feb. 20. The Council will revisit this issue at their Feb. 22 meeting. The health and well-being of our church members, families, and friends continues to be the top priority.**



ECHO (Emergency Care and Help Organization) needs jelly, canned soup, and canned fruit...anything that makes a quick and easy lunch. Just leave your food donation in the ECHO bin at church. We are not taking donations of clothing. If you have furniture to donate, please call ECHO at (850) 224-3246 to arrange for pick up.



Members:

- Marion Lollie
- Virgil Hall
- Mary Alice Linzy
- Barbara Palmer
- Mulder & Evelyn Brown
- Neva Holland

Friends & Family:

- Fred Potter (friend of Don & Gail Dampier)
- Family of Preston Bozeman (Virgil Hall's uncle)
- Mary Taylor
- Lilly Zapater (Brian Mullen's future mother-in-law)
- Sarah White (friend of Phillip Ashley)
- Jan Vining (mother of Dot Berry's friend)
- Tom Dull (brother of John Dull)
- Family of Isaac Stalling (family member of David & Diane Matthews)
- Lance & Sandra Harrison (son and daughter-in-law of Bobbie Harrison)
- Luke Crum (great nephew of Evelyn Brown)
- Randy Jones (friend of Gordon Lightfoot)
- Donna Hughes (Margaret Boyette's cousin)
- Family of Nancy Coonrod (Margaret Boyette's cousin)
- Family of Jerry Green (husband of co-worker of Renee Grubb)
- Roddy Roddenberry (Bobbie Harrison's son-in-law)
- Victims of natural disasters

*(Please call the church (850) 219-9361 to update your prayer request)*

**Giving Through Our Website**

Go to <https://ChairesUMC.com> and just click the blue GIVE button and you will be taken to the church REALM site. The church secretary can help you set up your account.

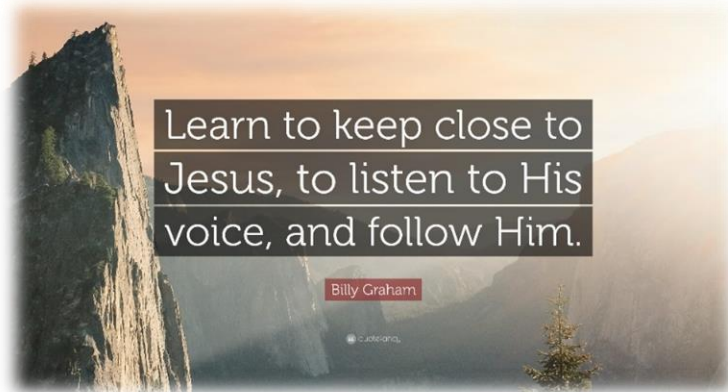


Check out our library for great reading and religious study materials. Wipes and hand sanitizer have been provided.

**Pastor's Weekly Email:** if you are not receiving the pastor's weekly email and update, please make sure that she has your correct email address!

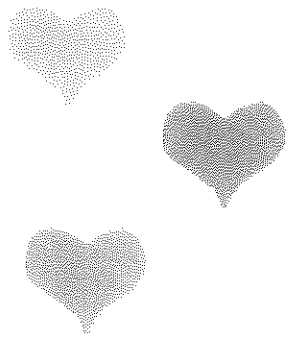
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Pastor	Pastor Mollie Bradshaw (pastormollieb@gmail.com)
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Pianist	Anna Wu
Custodian	Janet Cayson
Audio/Visual	Marty Holland



January 15, 2022

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Dear Chaires United Methodist Church,

Do you remember the excitement at school and at home around Valentine's Day? It usually included lots of candy and sharing funny, sweet or loving Valentine's Day cards. Do you recall how special it made you feel to receive those cards? For many children, this is one of the ways they measure self-worth and love.

Because of the trauma our children have been through, they lack those fond memories of all the love that usually surrounds Valentine's Day. And this is only compounded by the impact of limited travel and COVID related shut-downs as the pandemic drags on. For the children who have entered our care at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home we have found that their definition of love and self-worth is often skewed, and in many cases their hearts have been broken. The sad reality is that it goes beyond candy and Valentine's Day cards.

Before coming to us, many of our children didn't know what it was like to have their own bed or food on the table, let alone loving and supportive parents who encourage emotional and academic success on a daily basis. The care and therapy we provide the children gives them hope, and the knowledge that they are safe and loved.

Jasmine came to us about a year ago with this misconception of love after being removed from an abusive home. She blamed herself for her situation, even for her father leaving when she was very young. This resulted in feelings of low self-worth for Jasmine that showed in her failing grades and inability to make friends. When her houseparent spoke to her recently about Valentine's Day, she said she never really received any gifts or cards in the past, which made her feel even less loved. "I never liked Valentine's Day," she told her houseparent. "It just reminded me how many friends I didn't have." Through our care, including appropriate therapy, Jasmine came to understand the true love God intended for her. Now her grades are much improved and she is actually looking forward to Valentine's Day, partly because she has a lot of new friends. More importantly, Jasmine feels safe and loved for the first time in her life.



**Will you help children like Jasmine with their daily needs and therapeutic care?**

You can show all the children here at the Children's Home the faith, hope and love that God intended for us by signing and returning the enclosed Valentine (along with your gift and completed form on the back of this letter). If you like, you can even send a Valentine of your own with a special message inside.

After we receive your Valentine, we'll place them all in the Chapel for the children to see, and explain to them that every Valentine was signed by someone who cares about them. They even get to choose a few to take with them back to their cottage. It's just another way to show our children that they do have an extended family who cares for and loves them. The impact of feeling loved by others is truly amazing.

**Even though many of our children will not hear from their Mom or Dad this Valentine's Day, please let them hear from you... so they know they're loved.**

Thank you and God Bless!

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