



“A Lighthouse Guiding People to Christ”

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*.

There will be a follow-up meeting today immediately after church, that will answer questions presented at the previous meeting regarding church discernment.

Church Council will meet via Zoom on Monday, January 23rd at 6:30 PM



Members:

- Diane Matthews
- Ed Fannin
- Barbara Palmer
- Willette Dull
- Franklin Chaires
- Mike & Carol Stallard
- Bobbie Harrison
- Mulder & Evelyn Brown
- Neva & Marty Holland

<u>January Birthdays</u>	<u>January Anniversaries</u>
Chaires, Frances 17	Mike & Terry Hatcher 1
Lombardi, Jean 23	Jon & Dot Berry 4
Grubb, Renee 24	Sammy & Marion Lollie 23
Matthews, Edna 27	Jean & Michael Lombardi 29
Holland, Neva 28	
Grubb, Dylan 29	
Hall, Maggie 30	

Friends & Family:

- Katie
- Linda Marie (friend of Renee Grubb)
- Family of Debbie McPherson (niece of David & Diane Matthews)
- Kaye Cothorn and her family (niece of David & Diane Matthews)
- Bill Butler
- Jim Peters (brother of Pete Peters)

Choir practice is on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

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.

Upper Rooms for January and February are on the shelf on the back wall of the sanctuary.

2022 Giving Record

You can access your giving record through your REALM log in. Find your profile, click the “Giving” tab and fill in the date range for 2022. Susan will be glad to print it if you prefer.

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.

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.

Chaires Staff	
Pastor	Mollie Bradshaw (pastormollieb@gmail.com)
Secretary	Susan Capelouto (secretarychairesumc@gmail.com)
Music Director	Phillip Ashley
Pianist	Anna Wu
Custodian	Janet Cayson
Audio/Visual	Rick Davies

1-22-2023

Lord Whose Love in Humble Service

On October 24, 1929, the New York Stock Market crashed, causing the most devastating economic downturn of the twentieth century. What is now known as the Great Depression describes a worldwide crisis that negatively affected trade, banking, politics, and employment. After years of anguish and uncertainty, this global calamity ended, but relief was short-lived and gave way to yet another international crisis – World War II.

Albert F. Bayly (1902-1984) lived through the Great Depression and both world wars. He accepted the invitation from the Hymn Society of America (now The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada) to write a hymn to “express the interrelationship of worship and service”. As an Englishman, Bayly had witnessed the devastation of war. He could attest to the misery of poverty and economic distress. Though trained as a shipwright at the Royal Dockyard School in Portsmouth, he was an ardent pacifist and did not participate in the war. Following preparation for ministry at Mansfield College, Oxford (1925-1928), he was ordained in the Congregational Church (1929), where he was known as “a shy, hospitable, gracious, and humble man [who was] diligent in pastoral care and devoted to ecumenism”.

Though he may not have suffered personally from the aftermath of these global crises, his reputation as a pacifist as well as the text of this hymn proves he was aware of the condition of the world around him. *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* consists of four stanzas that describe the servant leadership of Christ, while prayerfully encouraging others to follow his example. The first stanza focuses solely on the work of Christ who “did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45, NIV). Humbly, Christ gave his life for our sake, so we, being indebted to him, should give our lives in return. The remaining three stanzas tell us how. The text challenges the church to be good stewards of the grace of God by using our gifts to serve (1 Peter 4:10). Bayly calls the church to be like Jesus, not through worship, evangelism, education, or fellowship, but through service. The crux of it all, however, is found in the first stanza where Jesus not only served us in life, but also in death. His love, through humble service, is the only blueprint we need to live and die in the same manner.

By Sarah Bilaye-Benibo

