



Welcome to the weekly digital newsletter. Deadline for articles is Wednesday 12 pm. Click [HERE](#) to submit your article. "Questions about newsletter items? Please call the church office, 734-475-8119."

## Sunday Worship

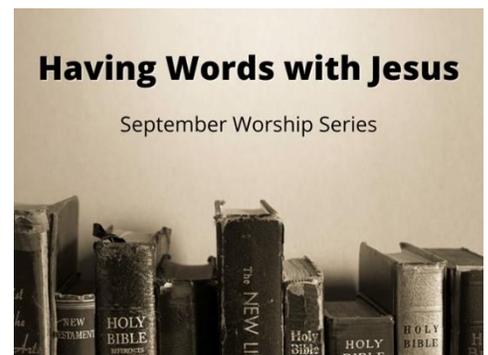
9 and 11 am in the sanctuary

Face masks are no longer mandated, yet still encouraged, inside the church building.



## Worship Series - Having Words with Jesus

Our September worship series is called "Having Words with Jesus" to reflect a variety of moods and meanings. Maybe we want to argue, or turn away, or give up. Or maybe we really want to know, to spend some time in his presence to understand and to explore, and finally, to hear. This is a call to listen again, even to the more difficult passages that we sometimes want to skip over. Join in this month as we have words with Jesus in worship.



### Week 3: Debts are Tossed

Worship needs a vision that looks first to God and then to community within and then to the world beyond the walls. We are driven by the question, "How do we share this gift of faith?" We are constantly seeking ways to be a witness to the treasure we have found, to the joy we live.



Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation will follow the 9 am service in the social hall

## Annual Church Conference

The annual church conference is the business meeting in which leadership teams for the new year are elected, clergy compensation packages are voted on, candidates for ordained or licensed ministry are approved, and lay servants are affirmed, along with actions on policies or other matters that require a church conference vote.

This year, our church is grouped with four other churches for our annual church conference. The location is Brighton First United Methodist Church, Saturday, September 24, 10:30 am. The church conference will begin with a time of worship among all the participants led by our district superintendent Rev. LuAnn Rourke. The respective church members will then move to separate rooms for the business of that church's annual conference session. We anticipate concluding by Noon. All church members have both voice and vote at the annual church conference. You are welcome to attend. Please contact Pastor Joy if you are interested in carpooling.

**Parables** is a worship service for all abilities, particularly designed for those on the wider spectrum of neurodiversity and/or body diversity, or what has been sometimes termed "special needs"---though every need is simply a human one. We believe that the most "special need" we all have is to have a place we know we belong---where people genuinely see us and value who we are in all our uniqueness. **Parables** invites active, informal participation from those in attendance and is often called the "No Shushing Zone." Special features include: sensory headphones and fidgets, Spirit scarves for Passing the Peace and dancing, visual schedule board, and a therapy dog or two. The program's predictable format each week helps to create a welcoming space for worship, especially for those whose cognitive differences allow them to engage in the church experience more spontaneously. At **Parables** we celebrate the gifts of life's interruptions as a way to find Jesus!

**Coming Soon...**



**September 25, 2022**

## All-Church Celebration Lunch on Sunday, Sept 25

The Parables implementation team is planning an all-church lunch after the 11:00 am services on Sunday, September 25 from noon to 1:00 pm to celebrate the launch of the new Parables worship service and ministry.

Hot dogs and ice cream will be provided. Please show your support for this new ministry by donating food items for the lunch, helping with setup, serving, and cleanup, and attending the lunch. Food donations should be dropped off at the church kitchen by 9 am on Sunday, September 25. To assist in food planning, please let us know if you plan to attend the celebration. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848AEA6238-allchurch1>



Thank you for your support of the new Parables ministry!

## IT'S TIME TO RING INTO A NEW SEASON



The Rezound Handbell Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, September 18 at 12 noon in the Bell Room (Room #211)

The Rezound Handbell Choir at Chelsea First is open to all people high school age and older who have a desire and passion to ring. Rezound is an intergenerational group of adults that meets weekly to create music with English-style handbells and chimes. This music ministry is open to all adults high school age or older who are interested regardless of skill level. Prior experience is not important. If you can count, and if you love making beautiful music, you are welcome to join us! Rezound performs every third Sunday at the 11 am Worship Service and occasionally at special celebrations and events. For more information or if you are interested in joining the Rezound Handbell Choir, contact Randy Umfleet, Director of Music Ministries.

**October CROP Walk** - The Chelsea/ Dexter area Crop Walk is a vital ministry that supports local and global ministries and will take place this year in Chelsea on Sunday, October 2 starting at 1:30 pm at St. Paul UCC here in Chelsea. Twenty-five percent of all money raised goes to support Faith in Action. We are striving for 50 walkers or more from Chelsea First UMC. There is 1 mile and 3 mile walk. If you would like to be a part of the team you can pick up a packet from the church on Sunday during C3 or sign up online



at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/chelseami> Click [HERE](#) to contact Jackie Holdsworth - Chelsea First team captain if you have questions.

**On September 30** you can dine-in, delivery, or carry out at Aubree's Pizzeria in Dexter and 20% of your bill will be donated to the CROP Walk. Click [HERE](#) for the flyer you will need.

**PRAYERS** - If you have prayer concerns to share, please call the church office or click [HERE](#) to submit.

**Prayers of Comfort for:**

\* Mark Wellman and family following the death of his mother \* Neta Mills and family following the death of her sister, Lillian \* Jody Croskey and family following the death of her mom, Becky \*



**Prayers for Healing for:**

\* Eunice Peters \* Carla Elliott \* Lynda Van Dusen \* Beverly Stumph \* Patti \* Kathy Quinn \* Ruth Rawson Mayday \* Don Noye \* Linda Ammon \* Al Novak \* Liam Kaltz \* Gordon Schleicher \* Olivia (Meridith) \* Ruby Schrieck \* Ted Martin \* Kate Russell \* Felicia Hurst \* Denise Frahm \* Shirley \* Gary McCalla \* Linda Fields \* Dianne Kelley-Sanchez \*

**Prayers for Strength for:**

\* John and Carla Elliot \* Dan and Lillian Long \* Sherry & Brian Laskowski \* Roger and Eunice Peters \* Linda Logan, family, and friends following the death of her husband, David \* Gary \* Kay Miller, family, and friends following the death of her husband, Gene \*

**Prayers for all service personnel overseas, and especially for:**

\* Matthew Daoust \* Ethan McPherson \* Jack Coon \*

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