



# CFEC: SAY WHAT NOW???

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## Message From Pastor Michael Kea

### Is there any room at Harvest?

Harvest, in the bible was the time when farmers gathered everything they had labored over. The time spent planting, watering, pruning, and protecting was over, and it was finally time to gather. Over time, farmers have become efficient at collecting every single apple, tomato, or ear of corn, leaving nothing to waste. Because isn't that the point of harvest? - To fill barns and store rooms until they are full, so that we will never be in want? In one of the most beautiful love stories in the bible, (Ruth chapter 2) Boaz orders his men to leave some of the harvest in the field for a hungry Ruth to glean. Boaz was well established and obviously didn't need the extra crops, so he allowed others to gather. This kindness affected Ruth and her family and perhaps many other gleaners in that day.

So the challenge is for us to show kindness to those who are in need. Some of us have not known hungry days for a LONG, LONG, LONG time. Now that our barns, closets, and kitchens are full, we have forgotten the times when we weren't able to just get what we wanted, when we wanted. This season, let's be a blessing to someone else out of the abundance of what we have. Then our works will speak for themselves (Matt 5:16) and God will be glorified at harvest!

# SPOTLIGHT

This month's spotlight is on Michelle Rouse. Every organization has that one person that works tirelessly behind the scenes, without being asked, to do anything that needs to be done---to help anyone in need. Michelle Rouse is that person at CFEC. She is that person that praises Jehovah all day every day---sometimes with tears---sometimes with smiles---sometimes while shouting----sometimes with hands raised silently.

Michelle was born and raised in a God fearing home. The youngest of three children, Michelle was raised to put God first in all things, raised to honor her mother and father, taught early to take responsibility for her actions, and to trust Jesus in good times and bad. Michelle is someone that marches to the beat of her own drum come what may.



**Michelle showcasing her brilliant smile.**

Michelle has been a member of CFEC 43 years. When asked about her purpose, she readily responded, “Helping people in whatever capacity they need.” She added, if she could be remembered for one thing at CFEC, it would be “that I made people feel good, laugh and smile.” Michelle revealed she feels the three greatest blessings that have been bestowed upon her is her salvation, Jordan (her daughter), and her voice with the sincere hope that God would use her to help others.

## Recent Events

On Sunday, October 6, Pastor Kea gave Sister Helene Tucker and Brother Al Cordery a special assignment. They were appointed to head the Evangelist Board. The assignment will require them to work closely with the ministers and pray for people.



Sister Helene Tucker



Brother Al Cordery and daughter, Layla Cordery

According to Sister Helene Tucker, her goal is “to focus on trying to bring people to the church and encouraging and uplifting people and by letting them know that God can change any situation.”

Brother Al Cordery is “praying that the ministry becomes what Pastor Outterbridge envisioned the church would be: ‘an oasis’ in our surrounding community of North Philadelphia.”

## Health Corner

**(Submitted by Sister Judy Sherman, CFEC Health Specialist)** On October 23, 2024, CDC Director, Mandy Cohen, endorsed the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation for people 65 years and older and those who are moderately or severely immunocompromised to receive a second dose of 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine six months after their first dose. These updated recommendations also allow for flexibility for additional doses (i.e., three or more) for those who are moderately or severely immunocompromised, in consultation with their healthcare provider (a strategy known as shared clinical decision making).

The recommendation acknowledges the increased risk of severe disease from COVID-19 in older adults and those who are immunocompromised, along with the currently available data on vaccine effectiveness and year-round circulation of COVID-19. The recommendation also provides clarity to healthcare providers on how many doses should be given per year to people who are moderately or severely immunocompromised and is meant to increase coverage of this second dose for that group.

Data continues to confirm the importance of vaccination to protect those most at risk for severe outcomes of COVID-19. Receiving recommended 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccines can restore and enhance protection against the virus variants currently responsible for most infections and hospitalizations in the United States. COVID-19 vaccination also reduces the chance of suffering the effects of Long COVID, which can develop during or following acute infection and last for an extended duration.

## Upcoming Events

Family Harvest Celebration, will be held **November 24** at CFEC. Every member is encouraged to bring family members and friends to worship at the 11A.M. service. Members of the community, as always, are welcome and encouraged to participate. A meal will be provided immediately after service to celebrate our harvest.

Thanksgiving Thursday, **November 28**, 2024

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