

THE CHAPEL MESSENGER

AUGUST 2025

A Letter from Pastor Josh

"worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.."

Chapel Friends,

Our next series will be near and dear to my heart. I'm going to lead us through a three week series on the Sacraments. God has given us the gifts of baptism and Holy Communion so we can experience His grace, presence, and forgiveness. Baptism welcomes us into the family of God. It sets us a part for God's purposes, and is the beginning of a lifelong journey of discipleship. Holy Communion is truly God with us. As Methodists, we believe in the "real presence" of Christ in the Eucharist. John Wesley received Holy Communion every 4-5 days. It was an essential part of the 18th-century revival which spread Scriptural holiness across the globe.

I'm excited for us to dive deeper into this holy mystery with you all. I would also invite everyone as we prepare for this series, to remember your baptism, and be thankful!

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Pastor Josh

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Worship Schedule:

8 AM – Traditional

9:15 – Small Groups &
Sunday School

10: 30 AM – Modern

Join us online on our
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Church Office

Hours:

Monday –Wednesday

9: 30 AM – 12: 30 PM

Thursday – Friday

10:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Prayer Chain:

chapelot@email.com

Worship Updates

August 17 – Blessing of the BackPacks will be at both services

August 31 – Regular Worship at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM instead of 5th Sunday combined

September 14 – Combined Worship – 10:30 – Rev Tim Funk preaching – potluck to follow in the Parish Bldg

September 28 – Combined Worship – 10:30 – Sanctuary with “Of the Day”

October 12 – Combined Worship – 10:30 – Parish Bldg – Rev. Steven Taylor will be preaching



Aug 3	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15
Aug 7	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Aug 10	Sunday Schl 9:15-10:15
Aug 14	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Aug 17	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15
Aug 21	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Aug 24	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15
Aug 28	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Aug 31	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15



Youth Update:

Hello everyone! I wanted to start off with an updated on what the youth have been up to over the last month. In youth group we are almost done our study into the 7 churches of Revelation. If you haven't ever read the beginning of revelation and specifically the letters to the churches, it is a really important and relevant section of Revelation. There is a lot that we can learn from what the early church was going through! We have seen some awesome growth in the youth group over the last few months both spiritually and new youth coming and worshiping with us. If anyone has any interest in seeing what the youth do every week, please feel free to come and worship with us every Thursday at 6:30-8p

Upcoming events!!

We meet every Thursday from 6:30pm to 8. This is for grades 7-12. We play games, worship through music, pray for each other, and learn through scripture study. If anyone at any age is curious about what we do during youth group, please join us we would love for you to worship with us!

We also meet every Sunday during Sunday school hour. This time is spent teaching how to read Gods word.

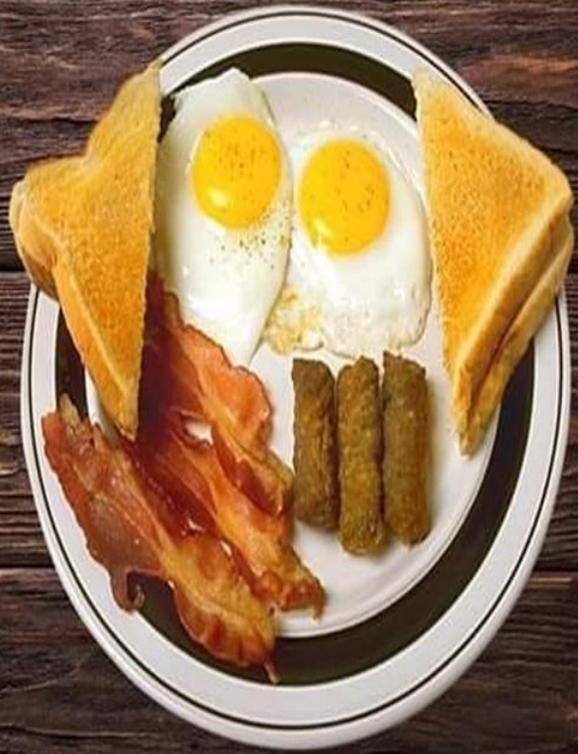
Looking forward we have a trip to Hershey Park planed for August! If you are interested in getting involved, please reach out to Ian McKinnell at ian@chapelchurch.org

Young Adults!

Young Adults has been going very well! And we are excited to see what God has for this group in the future. The Young adult group is for anyone who is ages 18-25. We are planning on meeting every 2nd and 4th Saturdays in the morning. The plan is to share breakfast together at Ian McKinnell's home and then had a time of study, discussion and prayer. The first study that we will be doing is Francis Chans study on the Gospel of Mark. If you or someone you know would be interested in something like this please reach out to Ian McKinnell and he will get you plugged in! ian@chapelchurch.org

Men's Breakfast

Join us for
food, faith, and
fellowship



**SATURDAY – August 9 – 9:00 AM-PARISH
BUILDING**

Join us for good food and fellowship with the men
of Chapel Church

Guest Speaker: TBD

Contact Ryan Ogurchak with any questions.

August 2025 Report from Debt Elimination Team

From \$525,893 to \$217,687

Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver.” –II Corinthians 9:7

August is a time when family vacations, weekend camping trips, family reunions, lazy days at the pool, etc. are winding down and return to a new school year is on the horizon. The “rest” of summertime activities will become sweet memories. Rest is a blessing from God and is introduced early in the Bible (Genesis 2:2). Unfortunately debt does not take a rest – it’s always present!

The Debt Elimination Team has been “teasing” for some time an upcoming fall brick wall campaign and we introduce this new venture **in a separate newsletter article** as well as **verbally introducing on August 17** in both services. You can become part of seeing the mortgage balance “fall” into the one hundred thousand dollar category and closer and closer to $\frac{3}{4}$ to paid and finally PAID IN FULL!!!!”

See updates in box below showing the decrease since the July newsletter was published . . . sales from scrap metal, online sales, loose change (all ongoing projects) and an extra payment have all contributed to decreasing the balance.

The progress since fall of 2023 has been nothing short of hard work: fundraisers, sacrifice, prayer and a steady “eye on the goal of eliminating debt from Chapel Church.” All thanks to God! Being debt free is just that – freedom . . . freedom to dream for the future . . . freedom for current and new ministries to move forward . . . freedom to take care of the campus (repairs, upgrades, renovations, etc.) **THE TIME IS NOW!!!**

Traditions Bank mortgage: current (7/26/25) balance: **\$217,687**

\$ 5,010.50 less than 6/26/25 report (\$222,697.50)

Traditions Bank beginning mortgage balance: \$525,893

Half-way to paid : \$262,937 (goal accomplished) Three-quarters to paid: \$131,468

→ 20-year mortgage (240 months) @ 6.25% - monthly payment **\$3,896**

→ *Years/months remaining* – 5 years 6 months (66 months)

→ *refinanced in 2028 if not paid by then*

→ *Interest paid to Traditions Bank since 6/2023:* **\$51,669**

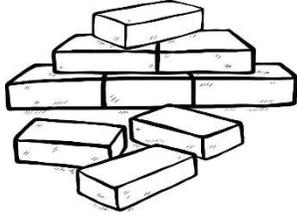
→ *Total Interest paid since 2012 (several institutions inc. Traditions):* **\$642,445**

Shout Out to Champion Muriel Slenker and her team for resurrecting the Mystery Dinner Theatre Event (held on 7/26/25) which was originally scheduled for May 2020 and shut down by covid restrictions at that time. **Shout Out** to all theater participants which included kitchen and servers. **See Muriel’s newsletter article for more details.**

How You Can Help with Donations for Car Show Sept. 20, 2025

- **USED BOOKS . . . CD’S . . . DVD’S . . . PUZZLES . . .** can be placed on the wooden bookshelves inside the Education Wing entrance.
- **NEW OR SLIGHTLY USED ITEMS . . .** for silent auction.
- **BAKED GOODS** – calling Chapel’s bakers for donations.

Any and all questions about the car show or donations needed, please contact Whitey Breeden @ (717)324-7259



Coming this Fall . . . “Brick Wall Campaign”

Have you reviewed the mortgage balance recently? (see updates in separate article). It is quite impressive to see the substantial reduction in our debt within a period of less than 24 months. Thank you, Chapel Church, for your generous contributions and ALL PRAISE and GLORY to God for his faithfulness and goodness!

The Debt Elimination Team will be launching another exciting opportunity to further reduce Chapel’s mortgage debt beginning September 14 and continuing through October 26: envelopes symbolizing “bricks” will be affixed to the brick wall in the church narthex with an equal number of “bricks” displayed on a portable wall in the Parish Building. Each envelope will list a dollar amount indicating the contribution to be placed inside. Individuals, groups, or classes can select an envelope (or several envelopes!!!) corresponding to the desired contribution amount from either of the walls. Simply insert cash or a check for the specified amount into the envelope and place it in the offering plate or one of the donation boxes located in either building.

We know that you will want to stay informed about the progress of the Brick Wall Campaign. Therefore, as the filled envelopes begin to pour in, we will provide weekly updates. Additionally, you will have the opportunity to visually track the campaign's advancement as you monitor the number of “bricks” removed from the walls.

Please keep in mind the following: (1) the amount in your “brick” envelope is a special debt reduction offering, **separate** from your regular weekly giving. (2) Your Brick Wall Campaign offering should be placed in the marked envelopes, while your regular giving continues as usual. (3) For those using envelopes for regular giving, you can list your Envelope Giving Number on the Brick Wall Campaign envelope for tax purposes.

Your enthusiasm and participation in this campaign will directly contribute to the financial health and future of our Chapel community. Every single “brick” removed symbolizes a step closer to a debt-free future, empowering us to allocate resources towards ministry, outreach, and other vital programs. By working together, we can achieve something truly remarkable, leaving a lasting legacy for generations to come.

Feel free to reach out to any member of the Debt Elimination Team if you have questions regarding the upcoming campaign. You will find our phone numbers and email information listed below, and of course, you can approach us personally.

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Let’s all help to reduce Chapel’s mortgage debt one “brick” at a time!!!

CHAPEL DINNER THEATRE PRESENTS

Café Flambe

‘THE CASE OF THE MYSTERIOUS STRANGER’

Chapel Dinner Theatre was a successful and enjoyable event on Saturday evening, July 26!

The fund raiser net total is currently reported as \$2627.53 [dependent on any outstanding expense] to support the mortgage debt reduction. Our corporate sponsorships basically covered expenses, leaving the ticket receipts as the proceeds! We are grateful!

A huge 'Thank You' goes out to everyone who supported and helped in any way. To those who bought tickets and spent the evening with us, those who helped with room cleaning/prep and set-up, those who tended to the cooking and meal prep, those who served the four-course meal, those who gave a bit extra at the conclusion of the evening, and to all who kept the whole adventure in prayer during the weeks prior - 'Teamwork made the dream work'! Your efforts made the whole thing happen!

Special recognition goes to our event sponsors > Knoll Insurance, TeleCom Business Solutions, Wagner-Elfner & Burg Funeral Home and Crematory Services; also, for the continued support for our church by Jerry's Great Valu at Dairyland.

Extra shout-outs to Regena Reinoehl who was the kitchen lead and Brian Elicker who worked the stoves, Bonnie Bluett who headed the wait staff, media team members Jared Conrad, Ben Elicker, Steve Wilt; and LeeAnn, who helped greet the guests.

My personal kudos and appreciation for our wonderful cast of characters: Alan Metz, Jim Bosley, Ed Warner, John and Jean Carter, Jean Chubb, Jordan Sedgwick, Max Sedgwick, Michele Rudy, Kristin Sweitzer, Sam Sweitzer, Millie Sweitzer, Mark Downs.

Thanks for your dedication and perseverance! You brought the fun!

Extreme appreciation and gratitude to Heather Dunn and Mary Ann Hildebrand-Tierney for their unwavering support during the months of planning and detailing decisions, their last-minute rescues which always make the tasks easier, and for sharing their unique gifts and talents to decorate and provide the behind-the-scenes efforts which bring such events to a successful conclusion!

To God be the Glory and may His love be seen in all that was said and done!

Muriel

MEN'S CAMPFIRE

AUGUST 1ST @ 6 PM
THE CHUBB'S HOME

SIGN-UP SHEETS IN WELCOME CENTER
QUESTIONS CONTACT RYAN OGURCAK



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CAR, TRUCK, & MOTORCYCLE SHOW

SEPT..
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10 AM
TO
2 PM

3050 CAPE HORN ROAD, RED LION, PA 17356

AWARDS | SILENT AUCTION | LOTS OF FUN

8am Choir and Special Music update:

Tentative Choir Singing Sundays for now through October are:

Aug 10	Oct 5
Aug 24	Oct 26
Sept 7	

Upcoming special music dates are:

August 17 – LeeAnn Wilt

August 24 – Melissa Elicker/Dawn Snyder

September 7 – Wendy Tobias

September 21 – Jessica Kessler

October 19 – Bud Warner

August Newsletter for Adult Ministries

Our small group classes are a great way to deepen your spiritual journey with God. If you would like to know more about a class, or to learn about a class topic, please feel free to contact me at the email address listed below.

I have received many requests for access to RightNow Media over the past several weeks. Awesome! If you had an established RNM account in the past and forgot your user name, it is your email address. If you forgot your password, go to the RNM web site, enter your user name and click, forgot password. I can only send a new invitation to a person who never had an account with RNM. If you would like me to check on the email address on file for you with RNM, questions on resetting a password, or would like a new invitation due to you now having a new email address, please reach out to me at your convenience.

Also, on the RNM homepage on the left side of the screen, you will see a listing of libraries. If you click on Chapel Church, you will see the channels that I have set up for your use. There are channels for our class lessons, lessons on dealing with emotions, and the comfort of God. Please feel free to check out the many opportunities that are available to you and your family on RNM. For more information about what is available, please contact me at George@chapelchurch.org.

Blessings,
George



Card Ministry Opportunity

Going into the church I was greeted by an older woman whose comments left me uplifted. My thought was, "I wish I could be more like her." But I am not a person to which conversation comes easy. Fast forward to 2021 the year my son, David was in and out of the hospital. Cards were sent with words of encouragement. I experienced first-hand the power of a card.

Maybe you, too, have experienced the power of a word fitly spoken or written (Prov. 25:11). And if you desire to be an encourager, there is a new ministry starting which will allow you to put into practice that gift.

Cards will be made and given out at the Thanksgiving dinner and at the Live Nativity. The salvation message will be on the back of them. Anywhere that cards can come along side and enhance a ministry, we would like to fulfill that need. Let us know if you need cards.

No, you don't have to be crafty!! All the pieces will be supplied, along with a sample to follow. You just need to glue the pieces in place. We would like to personalize the cards. To that end, a sheet of one-sentence prayers will be provided to be handwritten in the card.

A card making workshop will take place on September 16, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. If you want to be involved but can't make the workshop, kits can be provided so that you can make the cards at home.

If you don't want to make cards, but would like to donate instead, here is a donation list:

- Double sided tape
 - White cardstock
 - Colored cardstock
 - Glue (Art Glitter brand)
 - 12" X 12" fall paper pad
 - 12" x 12" winter/Christmas paper pads (NO Santa)
 - Paper pads of any type (masculine, feminine)
- A2 envelopes 4 3/8" x 5 3/4"
 - Paper pad of any type(masculine, feminine)
 - Money

If you are a teen or adult and are interested in helping, or you have any questions, contact Barb Toomey or Wendy Tobias



Grief Support Group

September 3rd – 6:30 PM – Room A4

Lead by Brian Uffelman, this group is for people to come to talk, open up and pray together regarding any type of grief/loss such as death, sickness, divorce/separation, loss of job, etc. . The group will also meet October 1, November 5 and December 3. The group is limited to Chapel members/attendees at this time.

Save the Date

Women's Fellowship Breakfast– November 15 – 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM

More details to follow. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Mary Ann or Kristina Ogurcak.

Adult Small Group Study Classes

CLASS	CURRENT STUDY	WHEN	WHERE	INSTRUCTOR
God & Bible	Holy Spirit	Sunday 9:15 AM	Lounge	Muriel Slenker
Crusaders for Christ	The Gospel of John	Sunday 9:15 AM	Ed Wing – A4	Various
Families for Christ	Parables for Today	Sunday 9:15 AM	Fellowship Hall	
Women Together	“Lyrics of Life” Lisa Harper	Sunday 9:15 AM	Ed Wing – A6	Marilyn Kotcher
Go With The Flow	The Book of Corinthians	Sunday 9:15 AM	Library	
Couples for Christ	Couples of the Old Testament	Sunday 9:15 AM	Basement	Ogurcak \ McCleary
Men’s Class	Not meeting – start again in September	Thurs @ 6:30 PM	Ed Wing	Ryan Ogurcak
Women’s Class	Motherhood Together	1 st & 3 rd Thursday 6:30 PM		Hope McKinnell
ROMEO	Men’s Breakfast	Monday Morning 9:00 AM	Two Brothers Café	Bill Leight
GEMS	Women’s Breakfast	Friday Morning 8:15 AM	Red Lion Corner Café	
Women’s Prayer Group Initiative		1 st & 3 rd Tuesday 8:15 AM	Lounge	Gaye Ludwig \ Wendy Tobias
Men’s Prayer Group		Monday 6:30 PM	Lounge	

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Happy Birthday & Anniversary:

Brian & Linda Conner	Aug 1	Wilson & Lana Henry	Aug 13
Kevin & Christine Helmeczi	Aug 8	Mike & Debi Deller	Aug 26
Steve & Pat Miller	Aug 11		



Bruce Bailey	Aug 1	Sara Smith	Aug 17
Adam Schell	Aug 1	Gayle Wiemeyer	Aug 17
Amy Schwarzer	Aug 3	Laina Angel	Aug 18
Sylvia Smeltzer	Aug 3	Hope McKinnell	Aug 18
Jim Fickes	Aug 5	Cindy Smeltzer	Aug 18
Dawn Snyder	Aug 6	Lyse Kessler	Aug 18
Samantha Fritz	Aug 7	Lois Orwig	Aug 22
Linda Henry	Aug 7	Denny Slenker	Aug 22
Matt Lauer	Aug 7	Regan Koons	Aug 23
Barry Tobias	Aug 7	Rod Toomey	Aug 23
Scott Tyson	Aug 8	Cheryl Blessing	Aug 25
Brett Tyson	Aug 8	Norma Boyd	Aug 27
Brandy Bailey	Aug 10	Barb Forry	Aug 27
Delana Stem	Aug 10	Angie McWilliams	Aug 27
Loretta Wagaman	Aug 10	Diane Leight	Aug 28
Molly Conrad	Aug 11	Ryan Ogurcak	Aug 30
Cheryl Elliehausen	Aug 12		
Bertie Wallick	Aug 14		

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Return Service Requested



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And catch up with what’s happening at Chapel!

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