

THE CHAPEL MESSENGER

DECEMBER 2023

A Letter from Pastor Josh

“Raising Up Fully Committed Followers of Jesus Christ.”

Chapel Friends,

November was an amazing month of ministry, outreach, and relationship building. At Thanksgiving, we served hundreds of meals to members of our community. We all did the work of Matthew 25 by feeding the hungry, as Jesus commanded us. We also saw another successful craft show on the campus of Chapel Church. Again, we made connections and built relationships with our neighbors.

Sunday, December 3 begins the Advent season in our church. We will be walking through the Gospel of Luke, which will take us all the way to Easter. God is doing some amazing things in our midst. Let us all be still, and know that He is God.

Pastor Josh

Contact Us

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Worship Schedule:

8 AM – Traditional

9:15 – Small Groups &
Sunday School

10:30 AM – Modern

Join us online on our
Facebook page or
chapelchurch.org

Church Office Hours:

Monday –Wednesday

9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Thursday – Friday

10:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Prayer Chain:

chapelpt@gmail.com

Worship Updates

**December 17 – Family Meeting/Charge Conference – 10:00 AM – Sanctuary
– SS 9:15 – 10:00**

December 24 – Christmas Eve – combined service @ 10:30 AM – Sanctuary

Candle Lighting Combined service @ 7:30 PM - Sanctuary

Sunday School is optional

December 31 – New Year’s Eve – combined service @ 10:30 – Sanctuary

Regular Sunday School

January 14 – new members will be accepted. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Josh



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



NEW SONG COMMUNITY CHOIR – CHRISTMAS CANTATA

CHAPEL CHURCH will host the New Song Choir for a Christmas concert in the sanctuary. All are welcome! Doors will open at 3:30pm. Light Refreshments will be available in the Fellowship Hall prior to and following the concert. Bring your friends and family for this Christmas blessing.

Additional concert dates are listed below(several Chapel members are choir members):

Here are two other concert dates scheduled for New Song Choir on the first weekend of December. Please share the information with friends and family.

Sunday December 3, 2023 at 5:00 pm at Round Hill Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 7362 Church Rd, Felton PA 17322. This program will feature soloist Troy Winemiller, a favorite in our area.

Saturday December 2, 2023 at 7:00 pm at Salem Lutheran Church, 99 York Rd, Jacobus PA 17407. The choir will be joined by the Salem Bell Choir. Reservations are required for seating; please call the church at 717-428-2811 to make reservations.

Chow Chow

We have a good inventory of Chow-Chow for the upcoming Holidays. Just place your orders with Jerry Henry, Michael/Esther Hengst Charlie Hess or the church office. All proceeds will be going to the church mortgage principal. Thank You – Chow Chow Crew

A MERRY CHAPEL CHRISTMAS DRIVE-THRU LIVE NATIVITY

DECEMBER 16

5:00 - 8:00 PM



LIVE NATIVITY Drive-Thru scheduled for Saturday-December 16 from 5PM to 8PM.

Planning is underway and the fun is beginning! Now is your opportunity to join in!

Still needed are a few 'extras' to be angels or shepherds or magi or carolers, plus Mary & Joseph.

There are several people already willing to help but we are asking for more so we can schedule shorter time slots for all helpers. So, you can help for an hour or two or all three!

No dialogue to learn! And no walking involved! We are making plans to keep everyone as warm and protected from the elements as possible, but you will need to dress as warmly as possible for comfort.

Costuming help is needed and a few creative helpers for staging each position.

Please let Kristina Ogurcak, Heather Dunn, Muriel Slenker know how you can participate.



This event will take place in the Parish Bldg. There will be a spaghetti and meatballs dinner first and then we will go outside to hang ornaments & light the tree. Please bring an ornament that represents your family. After the tree lighting, we will sing Christmas carols.

RUMMAGE SALE MONTHLY DROP OFF

The monthly drop off this month is Thursday December 14 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM

We will be accepting only small items. NO LARGE ITEMS will be accepted until April 2024.

Any questions, contact Ray (717-781-5709) or Pat (717-891-8909) Forney

Thank you for your support



WOOD FOR SALE

¼ CORD
\$60.00

⅓ CORD
\$80.00

½ CORD
\$120.00

1 CORD
\$200.00

All proceeds go toward
the mortgage fund

See Kathy Shoff for
details

DAYCARE NEWS

Merry Christmas everyone!

This month we will be learning more about Jesus and his birth. Our themes are: The Gingerbread Man, Christmas Fun and The Nativity. Our Bible unit this month covers Shepherds at the stable, Escaping to Egypt and Jesus at the temple. (The last week of November we learned about Baby Jesus.). We will continue to read and learn about Baby Jesus and the Nativity at devotions this month.

Thank you to all the leaf rakers who have helped with leaves around the playgrounds! We appreciate you!

We will be closed the week between Christmas and New Years this month. It will be a nice time for all the children and parents to spend some time together and for the staff to rejuvenate for the new year!

See you all in the new year!

Lynn Snell, Director of Day Care

Family Order Form - Chapel Church

Make Checks Payable to: Chapel Church

Orders Due Sunday: **December 10, 2023**

Cards should be available by: **December 17, 2023**

Name:		Phone Number:	
Check #		Order Date:	

Product	%	Qty	Total
L. L. Bean \$25.00	16%		\$
Lands' End \$25.00	15%		\$
Lane Bryant \$25.00	8%		\$
Little Caesars Pizza \$20.00	8%		\$
Logan's Roadhouse \$25.00	10%		\$
LongHorn Steakhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Lowe's \$100.00	4%		\$
Lowe's \$25.00	4%		\$
Macy's \$100.00	10%		\$
Macy's \$25.00	10%		\$
Old Navy \$100.00	14%		\$
Old Navy \$25.00	14%		\$
Olive Garden \$100.00	8%		\$
Olive Garden \$25.00	8%		\$
Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	10%		\$
Outback Steakhouse \$50.00	10%		\$
Panera Bread \$10.00	8%		\$
Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$
Panera Bread \$50.00	8%		\$
Papa John's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$
Pizza Hut \$10.00	8%		\$
Qdobe Mexican Grill \$25.00	7%		\$
Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$
Red Robin \$25.00	8%		\$
Rite Aid \$25.00	4%		\$
Ross Dress for Less \$25.00	8%		\$
Royal Farms \$100.00	4%		\$
Royal Farms \$25.00	4%		\$
Sam's Club \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Sam's Club \$25.00	2.5%		\$

Product	%	Qty	Total
Sheetz \$100.00	3%		\$
Sheetz \$25.00	3%		\$
Shutterfly \$25.00	9%		\$
Staples \$100.00	5%		\$
Staples \$25.00	5%		\$
Starbucks \$10.00	4.5%		\$
Starbucks \$25.00	4.5%		\$
Starbucks \$50.00	4.5%		\$
Subway Restaurants \$10.00	4.5%		\$
Subway Restaurants \$50.00	4.5%		\$
SweetFrog \$10.00	10%		\$
T.J. Maxx \$100.00	7%		\$
T.J. Maxx \$25.00	7%		\$
Taco Bell \$25.00	5%		\$
Target \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Texas Roadhouse \$100.00	8%		\$
Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
The Home Depot \$100.00	4%		\$
The Home Depot \$25.00	4%		\$
Walmart \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$50.00	2.5%		\$



The DET team is selling GIFT CARDS (ROUND 2) to help eliminate the mortgage. These gift cards make great stocking stuffers! If you or your family go out to a favorite restaurant or you have a place you shop at often, we have your gift card. Attached is the gift card form, please remember that Chapel Church gets a % back when we sell the gift cards. Forms are due to Kathy Shoff by December 10. Gift cards will be distributed on Sunday, December 17, 2023.

We are also selling **Mister Car Wash** gift cards. There are three types:

Exterior - \$10.00

This is the basic exterior wash

Full Service - \$22.00

Base exterior and Interior wash

Platinum - \$30.00

Exterior and Interior wash; also includes special waxing for the car, tire shine and wheel polish.

If you are interested in purchasing Mister Car Wash gift cards, please see Kathy Shoff. Gift cards will be available until December 17, 2023.

December Prayer Focus – INDESCRIBABLE

Greetings to this month of shopping, decorating, baking, gift-giving and, well.... busyness. Depending if you are seeing the glass half empty or half full at any given moment, the festivities during the next four weeks can be pure busyness and distractions or it can be a source of joy as we ponder the birth of Jesus. Jesus' birth is a gift that goes beyond all others, a gift for the world, and of course, one size fits all. Why you might even call such a gift....indescribable. And I'm not making that up. We find that description in Paul's 2nd letter to the Corinthians. Check it out in the 9th chapter, the 15th verse: "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" NIV. The King James Version uses the word, "unspeakable".

As you go about your days in this month of busyness/joy, however you find yourself, allow INDESCRIBABLE to sink into your spirit and I can almost guarantee that you will find joy bubbling to the surface, while the busyness fades. Consider also how our fellowship can not only experience the INDESCRIBABLE joy of the season, but also how we will encourage one another and carry that INDESCRIBABLE gift into a hurting, broken world. How can we hold such a gift from each other, from loved ones or from a stranger in the check-out line? We were created to share this gift with others, but most of all, let that gift bloom within ourselves first. ***Holy Spirit, you are welcome here to allow your gift of Jesus, his INDESCRIBABLE joy, hope, peace and love fill me to overflowing, to encourage my brothers and sisters in Christ and those all around me.***

165 Campaign a Success!!

The 165 Campaign has been a HUGE SUCCESS and, thanks to all of you, our monetary goal has been met!

In less than two months, **\$27,704** was raised through the 165 Campaign with 100% being applied to Chapel's mortgage debt! These contributions, coupled with the monthly mortgage payments for September and October, and additional giving to the mortgage fund over that two-month period, reduced the mortgage principal by **\$34,443**. This reduction alone translates into the **elimination of 27 monthly mortgage payments** and a **savings of \$74,000 in interest expenses** over the life of the loan. WOW!! Praise God!!

The Debt Elimination Team wishes to sincerely thank the families and groups of Chapel Church for their prayerful support and generous contributions to this Campaign.

Without the future burden of a mortgage, we will be able to fully turn our attention to other needs in our church and community. Just imagine the possibilities!

Let's give all praise and glory to the Lord! His goodness abounds!!

METAL SCRAP TURNED INTO CASH!!

To all who donated your unwanted metal scrap in support of the ROMEO Club's Metal Scrap Drive – **THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!**

In addition to creating an opportunity for the people of Chapel to declutter their garages, barns, sheds, attics, and basements of metal scrap that was no longer needed, this Metal Scrap Drive benefited our environment by preventing **21,363 pounds (10-1/2 TONS!!)** of metal scrap from becoming landfill waste. Your donations of metal scrap made it possible for the Romeo Club, over a seven-week period, to raise **\$2,927 -- 100% of which will be applied to the mortgage debt!!**

Your trash became cash and your metal scrap donations made a difference!!

All Praise and Glory to God – He is so Good!!!

NOTE: The Debt Elimination Team wishes to thank the ROMEO Club for undertaking this very profitable fundraiser and for making it such a success. The hard work and dedication they poured into this project is very much appreciated!

Debt Elimination Thermometer Introduced

The Debt Elimination Team recently introduced two **DEBT ELIMINATION THERMOMETERS** -- one has been placed in the Church Narthex and the other has been positioned in the Parish Building.

These thermometers serve as visual tools to monitor and follow more closely the status of our mortgage debt reduction. As Chapel's mortgage balance moves toward our goal of total debt elimination, the indicator on each thermometer will steadily move downward until it reaches the "burning pit" at the bottom of the thermometer. At that point, celebration plans to burn the mortgage can begin!! **Just imagine the possibilities of how paying off our mortgage debt will free us to do even greater works in both our church and local community!**

A huge THANK YOU to Bud Warner, Janelle Warner, and Steve Stine for designing and constructing these thermometers. If you see Bud, Janelle, or Steve, please thank them for their dedication and hard work.

QCD'S – Qualified Charitable Distributions

A great way to support Chapel Church is to give through Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)

What is a QCD? It is a charitable donation withdrawn from a retirement plan where the distribution check is payable to the qualified charity you select. **Chapel Church is a qualified charity.**

QCD Considerations and Rules:

- Anyone age 70 ½ or older can make QCD withdrawals.
- QCD's can be made from a traditional IRA or a Roth IRA, but there's no tax benefit to making a QCD from a Roth IRA because distributions are already tax free.
- You can also take QCD's from Active Simplified Employee Pension Plan (SEP) IRA's and Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees (SIMPLE) IRA's, if they are not ongoing SEP or SIMPLE plans.
- You cannot take QCD's from 401(k)s.

QCD Benefits:

- The **distribution is tax free.**
- Entitles you to tax benefits without requiring you to itemize your deductions.
- The distribution **counts towards your RMD, required minimum distribution.**
- Distribute up to \$100,000 in a calendar year.
- If your spouse has a separate IRA, he or she can also make a QCD up to \$100,000.
- The distribution is not included in the income on which your federal income taxes will be based – reducing your taxable income.

Fidelity Investments has a direct link for making QCD withdrawals: <https://digital.fidelity.com/ftgw/digital/qcd>

Vanguard QCD withdrawals

[How do I take a qualified charitable distribution \(QCD\) / Vanguard](#)

T. Rowe Price QCD withdrawals

[Login T. Rose Price \(troweprice.com\)](http://troweprice.com)

Article submitted by Charlie Hess – any questions can be directed to him: (717) 841-4976 or ersatzed@hotmail.com

Mitten Tree

There will be a tree in the lower lobby of the church & the parish bldg where donations may be hung, or placed in a bin located near it. These donations will be distributed to local pantries and to Ore Valley Elementary.

Items Needed:

[all sizes for each]

Hats

Gloves

Scarves

Socks

Clothing/Food Collection for Ore Valley Elementary

Clothing Needs:

Shirts & pants-Youth Sizes: 5T, XS ,S ,M , & XL. Underwear for boys & girls. Socks sizes 10-4.

Toiletry items (soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes, & shampoo)

Food Needs:

Breakfast – any single serve item such as cereal, oatmeal or granola/cereal bars

Lunch/Dinner- any single serve item such as macaroni, soup, ramen noodles, etc

Snacks – any single serve items such as apple sauce, fruit cups, crackers, etc.

Collection Bins will be in each bldg. & also in the ED Wing . Gently used shirts/pants are acceptable.

We are looking for volunteers to help with this drive. Needs will be sorting & packing for distribution. For any questions or to volunteer, please contact the church office.

Consider joining a team of volunteers to help with basic maintenance.



**For more information contact:
Henry Reinoehl, Jeff Schaeberle or Ron Lighty**

Chapel members, we all are aware of the many efforts being made to help reduce debt at Chapel Church, with the 165 being a great start. There are many ways we can do this in addition to having fund raisers for money. We can start by being good stewards of our facility and its resources. We all can take an active/proactive stand. For example, when we leave a room, turn out the lights when not being used; set the thermostat back to its original setting if you have made adjustments for your time in the space; if you change or move something for your use, please put it back as you found it; clean-up after yourself to make sure the area will be acceptable for whoever will be following you.

Another area that has been proposed is to use the many abilities and skills of our Chapel family. This means putting together volunteers to do building and ground maintenance that can be easily handled in-house. Things like helping with maintaining the HVAC system by checking and changing filters, repairing lights, outlets, or other electrical needs, plumbing repair, painting and repairing surfaces, trim and doors to name a few. Think about the many DIY projects at your own home that you are already doing and volunteer those services for Chapel.

The council has assigned Henry Reinoehl, Jeff Schaeberle and Ron Lighty to organize and utilize these volunteers. We have already had several volunteers to help with maintaining the kitchen floor in Parish Hall. So, if you would be interested in volunteering your talents for any or all the various jobs, please contact one of the aforementioned council members.

Thank you for prayerfully considering this need,

Chapel Church Small Group Study Classes – December

George Bradshaw, Director of Adult Ministries

<u>Class Name</u>	<u>Current Study</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
God & Bible	“Corinthians”	Sunday 9:15	Lounge	Muriel Slenker
Crusaders for Christ	“Genesis”	Sunday 9:15	Ed Wing-A4	
Families for Christ	“The Beatitudes”	Sunday 9:15	Fellowship Hall	Gaye Ludwig
Women’s Class	“Teach Us to Pray”	Sunday 9:15	Ed Wing A6	Jean Chubb
Partners with Christ	“The Chosen”	Sunday 9:15	Library	Cathy Grim
Couples for Christ	“Pray Together”	Sunday 9:15	Basement	Ogurcak/McCleary
Men’s Class “ 1,2 & 3 rd John” (Right Now Media)		1 st & 3 rd Thurs. 6:30 PM	Ed Wing	Ryan Ogurcak
Women’s Class –		1 st & 3 rd Thursday 6:30 PM		Hope McKinnell
ROMEO	Men’s breakfast	Monday morning		Bill Leight
GEMS	Women’s breakfast	Friday morning	Mary Ann Tierney/Regena Reinoehl	
Women’s Prayer Group Initiative		Every Other Tuesday 2:00 PM	Lounge	Gaye Ludwig Wendy Tobias
Men’s Prayer Group		Monday 6:30 PM	Lounge	

CHAPEL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL – 2023

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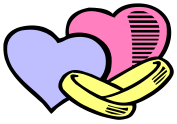
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Happy Birthday & Anniversary:

Dec 1 Roy & Sylvia Smeltzer
 Dec 3 Toby & Kathy Shoff
 Dec 7 Dan & Lana Cooley

Dec 13 Scott & Krysta Tyson
 Dec 17 Ryan & Kristina Ogurcak



1	Charlie Hess	17	Millie Sedgwick
1	Karla McCleary	18	Theresa Hahn
4	Anthony Angel	18	Donald Holtzapple
4	Gaye Ludwig	19	Richard Poff
5	Heather Stem	21	Izzy McWilliams
6	Jane Dehoff	22	Carol Blessing
6	Ron Lighty	22	Peggy Fry
7	Steve Miller	22	Bertie Hess
8	Beth Balash	24	Joyce Null
9	Jean Chubb	25	Muriel Slenker
9	Jerry Henry	26	Mary Ann Hildebrand Tierney
10	Christine Sprenkel	27	Phyllis Fisher
11	Barry Little	28	Chris Schaeberle
13	Ginny Farrell	29	Benton Koons
13	Reagan Hahn		

Congratulations to Roy & Sylvia on their 50th wedding anniversary

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Return Service Requested



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Go to our website

And catch up with what's happening at Chapel!

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