

THE CHAPEL MESSENGER

FEBRUARY 2024

A Letter from Pastor Josh

“Raising Up Fully Committed Followers of Jesus Christ.”

Chapel,

I'm excited to once again gather for community Lent services. Chapel will join St. Paul's Church, Bethlehem Stonepile, Emmanuel Windsor, and Highmount Community to worship on Sunday evenings during Lent. We look forward to working together with the churches and pastors of our newly formed PA South York District.

We will also gather for Ash Wednesday on February 14 for a time of repentance, reflection, and renewal. Easter Sunday is March 31, and we will have two worship gatherings, with a time of fellowship in between.

We anticipate celebrating the power of the resurrection. Christ died and rose again so we can all have new life. I look forward to walking this Lenten journey together with our Chapel family.

In Christ,

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
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

February 14 – Ash Wednesday Service – 7:00PM – Sanctuary – Sam Waltemyer will be providing the music again.

Easter Services – Sunrise Svc – 6:30 AM Combined Worship – 9:30 AM – Sanctuary

Fellowship between the services with light refreshments

Fifth Sundays – we will continue to have combined worship & fellowship hour in the months that have 5 Sundays. In addition, there will be combined worship on April 28 & May 5 due to the rummage sale in the Parish Bldg. More details will follow closer to those dates.



Community LENT SERVICES 2024



February 18 - Chapel Church
3050 Cape Horn, Rd., Red Lion, PA
Message by **Pastor Chris Nauta**

March 10 - Bethlehem Stonepile Church
250 Bethlehem Church Rd., Red Lion, PA
Message by **Pastor Jeremy Phipps**

February 25 - St. Paul's Church
45 1st Avenue, Red Lion, PA
Message by **Pastor Bryant Holtzapple**

March 17 - Highmount Community Church
5835 Furnace Rd., Highmount, PA
Message by **Pastor Josh Wargo**

March 3 - Emmanuel Church Windsor
2185 Windsor Road, Red Lion, PA
Message by **Ian McKinnell**

SERVICES AT 6 PM



Feb 1	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Feb 4	Sunday Schl 9:15-10:15
Feb 8	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Feb 11	Sunday Schl 9:15-10:15
Feb 15	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Feb 18	Sunday Schl 9:15-10:15
Feb 22	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Feb 25	Sunday Schl 9:15-10:15
Feb 29	Youth night 6:30-8

Women's Prayer Initiative Group

Please consider this your personal invitation to join a small group of women... we voice our prayer requests and praises of our fellowship and rest in knowing that the Lord's presence with us will give us guidance and directions in our prayer life. If you have a heart for Chapel and desire fellowship with other like-minded women, please join us on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday afternoons @ 2:00 pm in the Church Lounge

REMINDER - There will be **NO MORE** monthly drop offs. Collection will begin again in April. Details will follow in March.

February Prayer Focus

Chapel Challenge: Memorize this verse in February!

BLESSED ARE THOSE
WHO HEAR THE WORD
OF GOD AND KEEP IT.

Luke 11:28

“Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it”

It is our joy to greet you in this month of February where snowy, chilly days await us but also love is in the air as we welcome St. Valentine’s Day and extend our love-filled wishes to our dearest friends. We are reminded during this season of love of how we can experience this emotion among married folks, in our families and amidst our Christian brothers and sisters. Scriptures tell us that “We love because He first loved us” (I John 4:19). Jesus loved us while we were lost in our sinful ways. Doesn’t that warm your heart in the middle of probably our coldest month of the year? Those powerful words found in the Bible not only warm our physical body, but also melt our hearts and open our eyes to the battle all around us. A steady diet of Jesus’ life-giving words and teachings will help ward off the enemy of our soul. Let’s continue another **scripture memorization** this month with a powerful teaching scripture from Jesus. When hidden in your heart, the words are a reminder that hearing and keeping God’s word is a blessing!

❧ ❧ ❧ CHAPEL CHALLENGE ❧ ❧ ❧

“Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!” (Luke 11:28 ESV)

This scripture follows within Pastor Josh’s sermon series in the Book of Luke. In context, a woman in the crowd cries out, in verse 27, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” Jesus recognizes the woman’s heart-felt praise and pivots her accolades of himself, to you and me, dear friends. Blessed are we who hear the word of God and keep it close as a treasure. Unlike my cell phone that goes missing way too frequently (smile). Let us go forth... hearing, studying, pondering, keeping, and finally applying the words to illuminate our path and be as a light on a hill. Watch for the above scripture screen in our worship services and test your memory cells! You got this!

Gaye Ludwig on behalf of the Women’s Prayer Initiative



Hello Chapel Family!

We started a new curriculum in the fall, and the kids are learning some great biblical truths so we want to begin putting them into practice. This year our kids will focus on **service**. To begin this year, our kids will be serving by providing for others in need. Some of you may know but others may not – we (as a church) have adopted Ore Valley Elementary School. This means we are a resource – clothes, food, supplies, encouragement, *etc.* – for the school, staff, and students.

If you have recently been in the education wing, you will notice two shelves covered with flaps of paper. One of these shelves is for the helpers and the other is for the kids. For 6 weeks, we will be collecting items for the children’s ministry helpers. The items are specific so please check the shelf for what is needed. We are asking for individual serving sizes as in some households, the children may be preparing their own meals. We do expect items to NOT BE EXPIRED. Kids and helpers (or anyone who wants to help our kids out), grab the pictures or phrases you want to help donate. The first group to fill their shelves or who has the most on their shelves on February 24th when the competition ends, wins! Sounds fun, right?! Let’s make it more exciting by saying the winning team gets to pie Pastor Josh or Miss Maria in their face. [CLICK HERE OR SCAN THE BLUE QR CODE TO VOTE FOR WHO YOU WANT TO SEE PIED!](#)



notice two shelves for the helpers items for

Another service project we plan to do will be year-round. The children will have the opportunity to earn “mission moolah” in their classrooms by attending class, participating, memorizing the Bible verse, singing, *etc.*! We will also use this to encourage participation in volunteer activities outside the church. Several times during the year, the kids will have the opportunity to spend their cash on a charity of their choosing from a few we pick out. We hope this will help foster a serving mindset for our children.

Mark your calendars for these **important dates**:

March 23rd: Easterrific, time TBA – from snacks and crafts to egg digging and hunting, we would love to have your help! Please let me know if you are able to assist in any part of this event (parking, set-up, clean up, or at a table with the kids).

June 30th: The Sunday Games (Kids versus teachers/helpers), 9:15AM (Sunday School) – this will be a fun time of fellowship and friendly competition to celebrate the end of the school year. If you would like to help out or participate, please let me know!

July 15th-18th: VBS, times TBA – help is always appreciated if you are able to volunteer some time! We already have some spots filled – get yours saved before it's too late!



Last, but certainly not least – we are looking to start up a tweens group!!!! If you have a child in grades 4-6, **[PLEASE CLICK HERE OR SCAN THE RED QR CODE TO HELP GUIDE OUR EFFORTS.](#)**

Thank you for allowing me to serve your families. It is an honor and joy to be doing this part of life with you all. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to reach out. My cell number is 484-264-1621; you can also reach me by email (maria@chapelchurch.org).

Maria



Sanctuary Clean-up Day

Saturday – February 24 – 9:00 AM – noon

Our Sanctuary needs to have all the beautiful wood cleaned & polished. The stained-glass windows also need cleaning. Other detailed cleaning as needed. Please consider coming out and helping to refresh our sanctuary for the upcoming Easter season as we celebrate our Savior. Bring cleaning supplies if you have them. Call the church office with any questions.



Debt Elimination Team (DET) Updates:

THE TIME IS NOW

“So the debt was paid . . . for the people had a mind to work.” – DET paraphrase of Nehemiah 4:6 – “So built we the wall . . . for the people had a mind to work.”

- Mortgage balance as of printing of February newsletter: **\$401,836.46**. Please note that this is \$7,297.97 **LESS** than reported in the January newsletter.
- In 2023, the total principal paid of \$122,304 equaled 89 monthly payments which reduced the mortgage by 7 years.
- Amount of interest paid since 2012: \$614,282
- Upcoming Church-wide rummage sale: May 2-4 for benefit of mortgage reduction.
- Wood Sales ongoing. Contact Kathy Shoff @ 717-515-9077
 - ¼ cord \$60
 - ⅓ cord \$80
 - ½ cord \$120
 - 1 cord \$200

- Make a Joyful Noise for our LORD!



During the next two months (February and March), the DET team is challenging the church to make lots of **NOISE** in the worship service!!!

We recognize that post holidays are stressful times financially for some folks so . . . we would like to provide you a way to help work on our mortgage without hitting the cash in your wallet.

Save all your loose change throughout the week and come make **NOISE** by dropping loose change into the “church” containers in the lobby areas on Sunday mornings!

All proceeds will go toward the mortgage.

As we see the debt being reduced, we can REJOICE because we were **NOISY** and are preparing the way for greater things at Chapel!



Save the date - Fickes Family Night of Music – Saturday, July 13, 2024 at 6PM in the sanctuary. More details to follow.



Mission Moment - Shower Ministry Update

Since the ministry began in April 2020, Chapel has provided approximately 300 showers. If you are wondering what a typical day looks like on Tuesdays in the Parish Building, here is a glimpse. Before the person arrives, if both male and female folks are expected, each bathroom is set up with towel, washcloth, mat; toiletries are provided. After showering, a bag lunch is given. We offer to pray with our guests and let them know of church activities. We are finding that some folks are needing conversation and acceptance as much as a shower!

Bonnie Bluett has always been interested in the ministry and we recently have become an official "team" in carrying out the scheduling and preparation details. Whitey Breedon is our chaperone in the building and comes out to lend a hand. Cheryl Reinhold will also be helping in the coming weeks and we look forward to her sharing in the ministry. We also are grateful for David Zurn's continued help as David schedules a gentleman individually and oversees his showering. We would like to thank our church family, specifically, Missions, as they help us with gas gift cards and grocery gift cards.

If you would like to become involved, please let us know. There is always room for more! The rewards of helping someone maintain their physical well-being with cleanliness and a meal is a joy and we thank God for the ability to use our facility in this way.

Gaye Ludwig & Bonnie Bluett on behalf of the Shower Ministry

Missions Notes

- pray about being a part of the missions team
- Please share any organizations you'd like missions to look into for giving in 2024
- missions would like to adopt a Chapel Mission project that we are both physically and financially involved in. Please share any ideas you might have for this.

Please reach out to Kristina Ogurcak with any thoughts or ideas at rkogurcak@comcast.net or 7173781036

WE ARE STILL SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH BASIC MAINTENANCE. PLEASE CONSIDER THE SKILLS THAT YOU HAVE THAT COULD HELP US MAINTAIN OUR PROPERTY WITHOUT HIRING OUTSIDE HELP.

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



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

Notes from the Treasurer:

Happy New Year! I am looking forward to a new year of ministry here at Chapel Church. I think we all can agree we are glad to close the books on 2023. We endured many challenges and had many accomplishments! I want to give you a quick overview of our finances. As you can see in the weekly bulletin, our General Fund giving is down year to date. We have had some 'extra' expenses over the last couple months. Snow in the beginning of January \$1930, Sewer/pump pit \$1944, Fire Extinguishers \$2812. Also we have not received the invoice for the two snow events last week. We are trying hard to keep up to date with our preventative maintenance items. Thanks so much for your support of the General Fund. Any questions, please send an email to treasurer@chapelchurch.org.

Thanks,

Debi



New Women

Hershey, PA • September 27 – 28, 2024



Chapel
CHURCH

GROUP DISCOUNT



2024
have faith
TOUR

SAVINGS END: 03/31/2024

SIGN UP ONLINE NOW:

Basic:	\$64	Visit:	https://brushfire.com/563104
Gold:	\$84	Click:	Join a Group
		Group:	WaltemyerAHer24
Lunch:	\$15	Passcode:	WaltemyerAHer24
		Group Lead:	Amy Waltemyer

We are considering offering this class if there is enough interest. The study would begin in March and would be the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6:30 so that childcare is available.

STORIESx8 is a small group experience that guides women through the journey of sharing their stories, finding freedom in the process, and living a lifestyle of confession. Attendees should be willing to share their story of any magnitude, after it happened or even currently happened and be open to provide how they healed help they received or receive help through the group. It isn't mandatory. Only 8 person group! Group must be able to keep information confidential within the group. 1 hour possibly longer if needed. First time running the class makes it hard to determine and cutting a story off might not be appropriate if there is dire need.

This study is based on a book by Ann Beiler (Auntie Anne's) that was presented at the Extraordinary Women's conference in 2023.

Workbooks can be found here: <https://shop.auntiannebeiler.com/products/storiesx8-workbook>

Contact the church office if you are interested.

Chapel Church Small Group Study Classes – February

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	“The Great Disappearance”	Sunday 9:15	Ed Wing-A4	various
Families for Christ	“Oneness Embraced” (a study by Tony Evans)	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 (Right Now Media)	“ 2 nd Timothy”	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-	Two Brothers Cafe	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 – 2024

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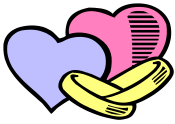
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Happy Birthday & Anniversary:

Feb 5	Bradd & Christine Sprenkel	Feb 26	John & Brenda Wagner
Feb 21	Tony & Eleanor Grosse	Feb 22	Jeff & Chris Schaeberle



3	Jake Lauer	18	Barb Toomey
4	Missy Eberly	18	Tyler Witmer
6	Perry Bailey	19	Holden Smith
6	Sabrina Schell	19	Taryn Stem
8	Clara Bradshaw	21	Penny McClane
8	Brian Conner	22	Chloe Smith
11	Faith Brewton	23	Ben Wise
11	Madison Uffelman	24	Ron Dowell
14	Flynn McKinnell	25	Bill Leight
15	Heather Dunn	25	Teresa Rentzel
16	Pam Vucetich	26	Anne LeGore
17	Tom Gardner	28	Doretta Matson
17	David Schott		
18	Sam Koons		
18	Jason LeGore		

The words "Thank You" do not express the love and care that were shown to me while I was recently in the hospital for colitis. The cards, prayers, and texts meant so much to me. Thank You!

Bill Leight

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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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