

THE CHAPEL MESSENGER

FEBRUARY 2025

A Letter from Pastor Josh

“worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly..”

Chapel Friends,

As a Global Methodist Church, we are in community with brothers and sisters in Christ across the globe. As followers of Christ, we serve together in mission, to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.

Unfortunately, discipleship is something our churches failed to do over the past several decades. Jesus gave His church this mission as He departed to be with the Father. We are His representatives; therefore, we are responsible for His mission. I think about Joshua and Caleb, I think about Paul and Timothy, and of course Jesus and Peter, James, and John.

As we continue our series, I would like 2025 to be the year Chapel Church intentionally makes new disciples of Jesus Christ. Disciples are not made in classrooms or in trainings, but disciples are made through authentic relationships.

In His holy name,

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

March 5 – Ash Wednesday Prayer Supper & Service – 5:30 (supper) 6:30 service

Lent Services with local GMC's - details to follow

March 30 – 5th Sunday – Combined Service 10:30 AM – Sanctuary – Potluck to follow in Parish Bldg.



Feb 2	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15
Feb 6	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Feb 9	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 8
Feb 13	Youth night 6:30 - 8
Feb 16	Sunday Schl 9:15-10:15
Feb 20	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Feb 23	Sunday Schl 9:15-10:15
Feb 27	Youth night 6:30 – 8



Hello Chapel Family!

This year in the Children's Ministry, our focus is intentionality. Understand, this is more than being intentional, which is reactive; intentionality is a proactive, mental state of being and is necessary for change. It requires thought and commitment – it is a framework. We cannot be reactive when working with children. When we are reactive, we find ourselves scrambling; when we are proactive, we already have solutions in place. These kids live in a world that tells them so many lies – for this alone we must be proactive. Reactivity also doesn't allow for active listening, which is so important for our children. Active listening allows us to truly be present for the children. It allows the children to engage, ask questions, be curious – this creates a space for them to build a relationship with Jesus instead of seeing church as something they do because mom or dad tells them. Childhood is a critical point in our lives – it truly is the foundation for every response you will ever have.

Early in January, I attended a conference, the Children's Pastors Conference (CPC), where I learned so many valuable things about kid ministries. I was so blessed to have gone and with God's hand, made it there safely. I worshiped with people from around the globe, met individuals in nearly identical situations, and fangirled over meeting the author of The Adapted Word – a resource I use weekly for those with special needs. I could write (or being Italian rather talk) for days about my experience, but I will contain myself, mentioning a few details.

First, I learned just how pivotal a children's ministry is to the local church as well as the Church of Christ. Sometimes as churches, we push the children aside. We see them as a hindrance to our relationship with God. Psalm 8:1-2 says:

“¹ Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory
in the heavens.

²Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.”

Those noises that upset so many – the cries, the shouts, the laughs – those are praises to God. Perhaps it's no wonder why growing churches have successful children's ministries – the kids' voices are praise God uses! How amazing?! And if you have not taught a child's class before, I strongly urge you do so before assuming you will learn nothing. I am not sure what is more humbling than having to tell a child who has a HUGE question “I don't know the answer to that, let's find out together”! But friends, this is so important for our children! Recognize, we do not know it all, no matter how much we prepare. Jesus was not joking when he said you must have a childlike faith to enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 18:2-5).

Another take away from the conference is the need to join forces with other churches for the greater good of the Church of Christ. We can have a church without a building, BUT we cannot have a church without people. When we work together with other churches to serve the community, we show the community we are united in Jesus. We are outraged by the world being divided, but are we outraged that we as a church are divided (1 Corinthians 1:10)? I expect the world to be divided. When the fruit was eaten, we divided – we blamed, we pointed fingers. Do not be surprised by division in this world (1 John 5:19). This is Satan’s realm! Be outraged that we as Christians are fighting each other. Satan comes to separate – through God alone we may stand united against evil.

As I mentioned earlier, this year our focus is intentionality. I urge us all as a church to prayerfully consider these aforementioned points. Pray for God’s guidance – we are moving when he tells us (Numbers 10:11-36). Pray for vigilance, courage, and comfort – fear is of the devil (Psalm 23, Acts 17:28, 2 Timothy 1:7, 1 Peter 5:8). Pray for open hearts and minds in the community, in our church, in our children – we are called to plant seeds and we will (Hosea 10:12, Romans 12:2, Philippians 4:7). Pray for healing – we of all ages come broken and hurt from a world of chaos; before redemption we are all children of sin (Ephesians 2:1-3). Pray for renewed eyes – we will see the hurt in everyone knowing the enemy is not human although we humans are still accountable for our actions (Ephesians 4:14, 6:12). Pray for love – through God alone, we may love others (Ephesians 2:8-10, 1John 3:16-18).

As always, Chapel, thank you for allowing me to serve you! If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask!

In Christ,

Maria

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- February 21st – Parents’ Night Out, 5:30PM to 9PM. This event is by sign-up only. Please use the link below or scan the QR code on the flyer.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BA4AF2CA6FECE9-54642199-parents>

- March 30th – We will have a volunteer huddle at 9:15am, room TBA. There will be no children’s Sunday School, Children’s Church, or nursery for this day.
- April 5th – Glow-in-the-dark Easter Festivities, evening times TBA. Sign-ups will be available in the coming weeks. Start prepping by making family glow-in-the-dark t-shirts!
- April 20th – Easter morning there will be no Sunday School, Children’s Church, or nursery. Bags will be provided to children. Please enjoy this time as a family as we celebrate Jesus’s resurrection.
- June 16th-19th – Vacation Bible School, evening times TBD.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES:

- We have a needs list for our Easter event! Please note this list will be continuously updated, so be sure to check back periodically. Use the link below to access it:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1POCHX8CTWSCL?ref_=wl_share

- Seeking serving hearts of all skills to provide children with an exciting evening learning about Jesus through some Easter fun. Dinner will be provided for volunteers!
- **CONTEST TIME!** Are you creative? Do you love arts and crafts? Do you like decorating but you don't have the space to decorate? Does your spouse roll their eyes when you return from HomeGoods, Hobby Lobby, or any store where décor may be purchased? Let me introduce an opportunity for you: **ADOPT A ROOM!** Join forces with other crafters to take ownership of *decorating a VBS area*! Create a Room Team with friends or join a random Room Team to build new friendships. The children attending VBS will vote for their favorite! Prizes for the winning team include bragging rights and their team name printed on a "still-to-be-named" trophy. Please direct any and all inquiries to Maria.
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- **Join our VBS TEAM** June 16th – 19th as we magnify God. Psalm 34:3 says "Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together." Pump up the kids while acting silly as an emcee. Lead a team of kids as they explore God's "bigness" in the small things. Teach kids about the goodness of God. Make it stick (sticky!) with coordinating crafts, snacks, and games. **Register to volunteer using the link below. *You must register for each day individually. **Let us know if providing dinner for volunteers would be helpful! ***If you cannot access this website or it is not working for you, please fill out the attached sign-up form!*****

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BA4AF2CA6FECE9-53717884-vbsvolunteers>

Volunteer Registration Form

Vacation Bible School 2025

June 16th-19th

Curriculum: Magnified by Lifeway

Contact Information

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____ Reach me best by (circle one): TEXT EMAIL

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

T-shirt Size (Unisex): _____

VBS Details

Please put an "X" or checkmark in the circles.

I am available:

- ☐ Monday
- ☐ Tuesday
- ☐ Wednesday
- ☐ Thursday

Preferred areas of serving:

With the understanding volunteers are needed everywhere and will serve where needed, my top 4 choices are:

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| <input type="radio"/> Emcee | <input type="radio"/> Team leader | <input type="radio"/> Registration |
| <input type="radio"/> Games | <input type="radio"/> Crafts | <input type="radio"/> Snacks |
| <input type="radio"/> Songs | <input type="radio"/> Security | <input type="radio"/> Other |

A provided dinner each night would be helpful to me and my family.

YES

NO

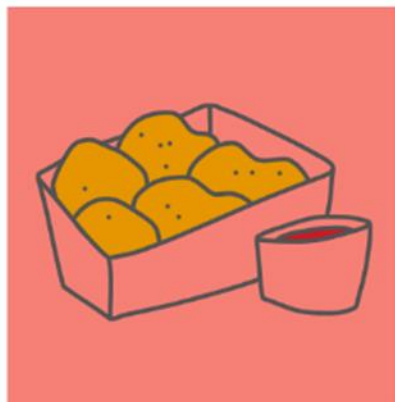
I would be able to attend a meeting on March 13th in the evening.

YES

NO

Thank you for volunteering! I look forward to serving alongside you!

-Maria Gagliardi



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT



**FEB
21
5:30-9PM**

DROP-OFF EVENT

For kids ages 0 years through 6th grade. Dinner will be provided. Sign-up is required.



FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT MARIA AT 484-264-1621

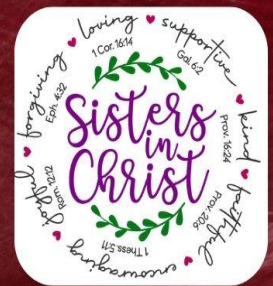
Galentine's Par-Tea

Join us for an afternoon tea featuring an assortment of mini sandwiches, activities, & fellowship.



Sign-up sheets in
the welcome centers.

February 22
1 - 3 PM
Parish Hall



Missions Activity 2024

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Volunteer Missions Opportunity

Missions will be hosting a free bagged meal beginning in March (date to follow). All the food will be provided. Volunteers are needed the Friday before to put the items together and on the next day (Saturday) to hand out the bags.

Contact the Kristina Ogurcak or the church office if you are interested. This is an opportunity to serve our community and fellowship with other people in the congregation.

Half-Way to Paid ~ February 2025 – Report from DET

From \$525,873 to \$249,815

\$249,815 looks better / sounds better / is better than \$525,873. The January newsletter shared all the many ways that was accomplished. Shout Out to all who made this happen!

The good news: we are half-way to paid!!!!

The challenge: we are half-way to paid!!!!

Your faithful weekly giving to the mortgage + any fundraisers for principal only reduction will see the next goal fulfilled – three quarters to paid -- \$131,468 !!!!! The challenge in no way negates the general fund. By continuing to “Make a Joyful Noise” with loose change, calling the ROMEO Scrappers with your metal scrap to recycle (telling your friends about this), your leading a team of like-minded folks to do fundraising . . . are all ways to contribute . Stay tuned for the “wall campaign” coming after Easter!

****If you do not use the numbered envelopes and want to give specifically to the mortgage, mortgage envelopes are provided in the pews and at both welcome centers.

**** Please note that using the numbered offering envelopes have 2 designations: general fund and mortgage fund. If not specifically marked, the funds go to the general fund (it is not divided between the 2 funds unless labeled).

Traditions Bank mortgage: current (1/26/25) balance: **\$249,815**

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

➔ *Years/months remaining* – **6 years 6 months** (78 months)

➔ *refinanced in 2028 if not paid by then*

➔ *Interest paid to Traditions Bank since 6/2023:* **\$44,284**

➔ *Total Interest paid since 2012 (several institutions inc. Traditions):* **\$635,061**

- **Shout Out to the generous principal-only donations not previously reported:** **\$15,000**

- **Updates not previously reported:**

Book Sales (private)	\$211.00	Wood Sales	\$720.00
Leiphart memorials	205.00	Online Sales	15.00
Consignment Sales	60.00	Gift Card Sales	\$506.00

Ongoing projects

- **Year End Report for Romeo Scrappers:** Grand Total to Date: **\$6,765** . . . 51,713 lbs.
- **Continue to “make a joyful noise”** with loose change in the churches located in church narthex and parish building lobby. February 2024 thru January 2025 total: **\$2,239.21**
- **Wood Sales:** Contact Kathy Shoff 717-515-9077

1/4 cord \$60	1/3 cord \$80	1/2 cord \$120	1 cord \$200
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- **Reminder** – Chapel cookbooks (new and used) for sale; “Cherished Family Favorites from 1991 / “Our Daily Bread” from 2004 and “Chapel’s Heavenly Creations” from 2013.

RESERVE THE DATE NOTICE!

Mark your calendar now for the return of the **Dinner Theatre Fund Raiser** which was cancelled in 2020!

Please consider how you can participate. More details will be available soon.

This is a ticketed event and seats will be limited.

Volunteers reap the benefits of enjoying the show, the meal, and are actually part of the production.

The date: **Saturday, July 26.** Time: to be determined, but most likely 5pm or 6pm.

Title: The Case of the Mysterious Stranger

Cast Call! Hopefully, some of the previous cast members will be able to return. Some roles will need to be recast, more information will be available soon.

Kitchen Help: specific dinner menu consists of salad, entre', vegetable, dessert, and the extras such as rolls and beverages, etc.

Servers: 'wait staff' is a vital part of the production needed for serving the guests and clearing each course in conjunction with each scene; all ages welcome to volunteer.

Decor Theme: Cafe' Flambe' - faux French diner; French-flare color scheme and table settings.

Set-Up/Tear-Down: several helpers during the week (Wed & Fr) to set out tables/chairs; tear-down after the show on Saturday.

Tickets: one or two people needed for the pre-sales process.

Make your commitment to help soon! Thanks!

Adult Small Group Study Classes

CLASS	CURRENT STUDY	WHEN	WHERE	INSTRUCTOR
God & Bible	“Supernatural” by Carolyn Moore	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	Ecclesiastes	Sunday 9:15 AM	Fellowship Hall	
Women Together	God Works All Things Together	Sunday 9:15 AM	Ed Wing – A6	Jean Chubb
Go With The Flow	“Deeply Formed Life”	Sunday 9:15 AM	Library	
Couples for Christ	The Rhythm of Us	Sunday 9:15 AM	Basement	Ogurcak \ McCleary
Men’s Class	“Forgotten God” & “Bondage Breaker”	1 st & 3 rd *Wed or 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	

2025 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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Happy Birthday & Anniversary:

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



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

New address for Barb Forry: 1117 Skyview Drive, York, PA 17406

New email for Jerry Henry (no change for Linda) jerryhenry39@icloud.com

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Return Service Requested



Raising Up Fully Committed Followers of Jesus Christ

Go to our website

And catch up with what's happening at Chapel!

Chapelchurch.org