

THE CHAPEL MESSENGER

JANUARY 2023

A Letter from Pastor Josh

"Raising Up Fully Committed Followers of Jesus Christ." January 2023

Friends,

As you may know, Chapel Church voted 126-3 to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 18, 2022. This has been a time of serious prayer and discernment for our Leadership Council. I would like to thank them for their dedication and commitment over the last several months.

God is indeed doing a new thing. I ask you all to support and encourage our Leadership Council, as they seek God's direction. I am reminded of the words from Revelation 21:5, And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also, he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

In His service,

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 – Friday

9: 30 AM – 12: 30 PM

Prayer Chain:

chapelpt@gmail.com

Worship Updates

January 1 – 10: 30 AM – Sanctuary – Combined Worship – Dave Zurn will be giving his testimony

* The Children’s Department will have a combined SS class on New Year’s Day Sunday.

* Adult Sunday School classes are at the discretion of each class

January 19 – 6:30 PM – Men’s Ministry Bible Study will meet for the first time. This group will meet the first & third Thursday of each month. Childcare is available.



Jan 1	Sunday Schl optional
Jan 5	Youth Night 6:30 - 8
Jan 8	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15
Jan 12	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Jan 15	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15
Jan 19	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Jan 22	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15
Jan 26	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Jan 29	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Parents' Luncheon

Parents, if you have children in the children's ministry programs, you are invited to a luncheon!

When: January 29th following the 10:30 service

Where: Fellowship Hall

What: A luncheon to discuss the direction of the children's ministry. Children are welcome for lunch but will be dismissed before the meeting itself.

RSVP: Maria at maria@chapelchurch.org – include the number of people attending lunch and any children (and their ages) attending.

Please understand, an RSVP is required! Thank you so much for your support and participation!

5-6 Year Old Sunday School

Get ready for a new kid's Sunday school class for our 5- and 6-year old's! Starting **January 8th**, the 5- and 6-year old's will be meeting in the daycare's lunch room. To find this room, turn left when entering the education wing, go through the double doors, and continue down the hallway. The room is tucked in the corner before turning towards the sanctuary. We are so excited to introduce this class and look forward to seeing how the class progresses!

New Security Measures for our Nursery and Children's Areas:

In an effort to keep our children as safe as possible, please be aware that as of January, the education wing will be locked during our Sunday 10:30am worship time (10:35am-11:30am). There will be a doorbell available at the main education wing entrance (under the awning) for anyone who must enter this portion of the building during the secured times. We ask for your patience to be let in as our nursery staff will need to assist you. If at all possible, please refrain from using the education wing during this time so that we are not needlessly disturbing our nursery staff, and they can remain focused on our children. Thank you for your efforts to help us provide a safe environment for our children as they learn about Jesus and his great love for them!

Activity Bags Available for children ages 5-3rd grade during 10:30am worship

Parents: Please note that activity bags are available for children ages 5-3rd grade for use during the 10:30 worship service if desired. These bags are located in a wicker basket in the lobby of the parish building and are filled with fun activities to keep young hands busy. If your child would like to use an activity bag, please return it to the wicker basket after the service. Beginning in January, another option available for children ages 5-3rd grade will be to participate in Junior Church. See below for more information.

Junior Church is Back!!

Parents: Please be aware that beginning January 8, Junior Church will be available in the education wing every week for children ages 5-3rd grade during the 10:30 worship service. Junior Church is a time of fun activities, biblical instruction, and play. The children will be dismissed to Junior Church after our time of praise singing, where an adult will accompany them to the Education wing. Parents can pick up their child(ren) in the education wing after the service.

CHOIR NOTES

Choir rehearsals will begin for the new year on Wednesday Jan 11 @ 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. New voices are always welcome!

Muriel

Christmas Decorations

Christmas decorations will be taken down Friday January 9 beginning at 9:00 AM. If you are able to help, please come. Contact Muriel Slenker with any questions.

Men's Prayer Group

Men's Prayer group – if you are interested in joining this group, contact Jesse Funk or Brad Ludwig. The group meets Monday evenings at 6:30 in the church lounge.

Community Outreach – Collection for coats, hats & gloves

We will take any age coats, hats and gloves (brand new or gently used). Please place them in the plastic bin in the entryway of the sanctuary. We will collect these through Jan. 27th for an event on the 28th. More info to come! Any questions can be directed to Kristina Ogurcak Thank you!

Leadership Council Updates

Disaffiliation Update: As most of you know, the majority of the congregation voted on December 18, 2022 to disaffiliate from the United Methodist denomination. The Leadership Council has begun the work of sending in the information requested by the conference with different due dates and obtaining legal counsel to help us with our name change from Chapel UM Church to Chapel Church as well as other legal guidance that we will need. Necessary paperwork and escrow account funds need to be in the UM Conference office by March 31, 2023. During the next month, we will be exploring the benefits of being a part of the Global Methodist Church versus being independent, so we will provide you with more information about those choices at a future meeting.

Our real estate negotiations have progressed to the point that we have an agreement of sale with a closing date of March 3, 2023, since the buyer needs some time to survey the property to finalize the easement and right of way agreements at the edge of the cemetery. These funds will be very important to apply to our disaffiliation costs.

As for our Seedling loan, we were hoping to hear from the Conference office this week as to whether Wesleyan Investive submitted an acceptable proposal to buy our loan, but as of this writing, we have not heard an answer and may need to explore other financing. As you can tell, we have a lot that we are working on behind the scenes and request your prayers during this process.

Facility Updates: During the past 2 years, we have been blessed with some donations from Chapel members, such as Mim Mitzel and Norma Thompson's estate, which has helped us to fund Phase 2 of our HVAC system for \$93,450, Roof replacement for \$43,320 and Front Door replacement for \$8,475. These were replacements that had to be done due to lack of heat in the Fellowship Hall and some day care rooms at one point, leaking roof in the sanctuary, and the front door was no longer opening correctly due to a deteriorating frame. We are currently in need of doing Phase 3 of our HVAC system, because the heat has stopped working in the Youth Room and basement and cannot be repaired (we have temporarily repaired heat to the sanctuary). We will be using our last endowment of \$100,000 towards the final phase of our HVAC system.

Our Day Care has also received some grant funds from the Cares Act, which will be going to some repairs that will start in January to refresh the bathroom areas and a canopy at the day care entrance to shelter parents entering and carrying children in all kinds of weather. They have also had to replace some playground equipment that was in disrepair.

We have also had memorial contributions for Click Ludwig and Kay Ludwig that has been applied to our mortgage as well as so many other donations, such as anonymous donations for our electronic sign out front as well as a new wooden sign on the back of our property on Chapel Church Road. We would like to thank all of our members and families for their faithful giving to care for the Lord's house and our campus. If you have any questions, please contact any of our Leadership Council members:

Arnie Fritzius, Chairperson; Brian Elicker; Bill Leight; Ron Lighty; Katie Logan; Henry Reinoehl; Jeff Schaeberle; Chloe Smith; Pam Vucetich; Pastor Josh; Debi Deller, Treasurer

January Prayer Focus: “New direction for Chapel Church”

As I type these words, my body is hampered by cold and flu-like symptoms, thus making me look forward to healthier days ahead, perhaps in the new year. When pulled down or even drowning in troubling circumstances, physical illness or mental torment, we more easily are aware of this shift from good health and we long for freedom from these maladies. What joy we have as Christians to experience newness in Christ as oft as we breathe. Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and through Jesus’ sacrifice for us, God came near to us. He is Immanuel, “God is with us”.

In the world, we see those who yearn for a new year as a way of forgetting or sloughing off the bad days in the past. But if nothing changes, will anything change for them? Let us not fall into the thinking that merely turning over a page in our calendar will bring better days. We have the Holy Spirit, which Jesus described as a “Counselor to be with you forever. He is the Spirit of truth...he remains with you and will be in you” *John 14:16,17*. Is it hard to leave the past behind? Yes. Is it easier to cling to familiar, negative and destructive attitudes. Yes. Think of a baked-on casserole dish that simple scrubbing does not do the job. Soak it! Immersed in detergent water over time, the dish can be restored. Even though joy-filled Christian living is more than keeping our dishes clean, we can apply this precious knowledge of the Holy Spirit, allow our minds to soaking in God’ Word and when we speak confession in prayer, we can find fresh buds of healthy thinking. As Pastor Josh taught on Christmas Eve, this Baby Jesus came to give us new life, abundant life, and the BEST thing we can do is RECEIVE.

The Women’s Prayer Initiative Group is supporting your new life in Christ as the month of January unfolds. Let the Spirit soak into your bones in this season of dormancy and may the words of scripture encourage you. Speak your thoughts to the One who is always listening, always present. Let it soak! “Behold, I make all things new” *Rev. 21:5*..... Can we give Him that opportunity today? Can we offer up our fellowship for cleansing of “baked-on” attitudes and division? Let us fall down to the Spirit of Truth so that he will lift us up with renewal.

Gaye Ludwig on behalf of the Women’s Prayer Initiative Group



SATURDAY - JANUARY 7, 2023 – 9:00 AM

PARISH BUILDING

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

Contact Ryan Ogurchak with any questions.



Happy Birthday & Anniversary:

Jan 2	Wayne & Deb Angel	Jan 27	Ray & Norma Boyd
Jan 4	Jerry & Ginny Farrell	Jan 28	Ruth & Dick Poff
Jan 10	Daniel & Danyiel Wise	Jan 30	Larry & Lois Orwig
Jan 26	Gary & Colley Boyd		



1	Mike Reinhold	16	Terry Bluett	26	Jeff Schaeberle
3	Tami Smedes	17	Tammy Henning	27	Matt Forney
4	Chuck Vucetich	17	Rhonda Kitlinski	27	David Snyder
5	Kathy Shoff	17	Brenda Wagner	28	Remy Angel
6	Bill Liveisberger	19	Bradley Conner	28	Eve Krall
7	Diane Fauth	20	Deb Fickes	29	Steve Stine
7	Deja Graver	20	Declan Hussman	30	Eileen Reinoehl
7	Sydney Rose Logan	21	Josh Bailey	31	Stacey Bluett
10	Joshua Arroyo	21	David Toomey	31	Ray Forney
10	Jim Bosley	22	Brian Elicker		
10	Adalyn Leber	22	Chloe Smith		
11	Eleanor Grosse	25	Carter Armstrong		
12	Donald Wiemeyer	26	Loch Lee McKinnell		
13	Judy Heindel				

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