

THE CHAPEL MESSENGER

JANUARY 2024

A Letter from Pastor Josh

“Raising Up Fully Committed Followers of Jesus Christ.”

Chapel Family,

I'm pleased to announce, I have been asked to serve as a Presiding Elder in the newly formed South York District of the Northeast Provisional Annual Conference, of the Global Methodist Church. I will work closely with our President Pro Tempore, Rev. Steven Taylor and Bishop Mark Webb. However, this will not change anything with my leadership responsibilities with Chapel Church. Much of this work is what I have been doing over the past two years to help form the GMC.

The GMC sees Chapel as a leader in this new movement of Methodism. I am so grateful for all we have accomplished for the mission of Jesus Christ. I look forward to developing relationships across this new GMC District, and working together so Christ may be glorified. We are teammates in Christ, working together for a common mission to make new followers of Jesus.

Let us all join together in praying for Chapel, Grace Hanover, First Hanover, Bethany Dover, Christ Jacobus, Bethany York, Emmanuel Windsor/Highmount, Bethlehem Stonepile, Christ Yorkana, and Mt. Nebo Delta.

If you have any questions about our new Conference, District, or my role as a Presiding Elder, please let me know.

In Christ,

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 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

January 21 – Ben Elicker will be delivering the message – regular service times

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.



Jan 4	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Jan 7	Sunday Schl 9:15-10:15
Jan 11	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Jan 14	Sunday Schl 9:15-10:15
Jan 18	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Jan 21	Sunday Schl 9:15-10:15
Jan 25	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Jan 28	Sunday Schl 9:15-10:15

2023 was a great year with new events, refreshed/improved events, and lots of wonderful ministry! Thank you to everyone who helps behind the scenes and in the preparation needed for it all. There is always a place for YOU to be involved in mission & ministry, music & worship arts, media & technical areas and many other tasks that allow us to keep our church running & worship our Lord & Savior. We wish you a blessed, happy & healthy New Year.

Chapel Prayer Team

Thank you to Chapel E-Mail Prayer Team. Thanks to those of you who are on the chapel Prayer Team. Your prayers have been felt this past year with the many requests that were received.

If anyone has a prayer request to be added at any time, contact Angie McWilliams at chapelpt@gmail.com or 717-841-6709. If you are currently not a member of the Chapel E-Mail Prayer Team and would like to be included , please contact Angie McWilliams (chapelpt@gmail.com)

RUMMAGE SALE MONTHLY DROP OFF

There will be **NO MORE** monthly drop offs. Our space is filled to the limit. Collections will resume at the end of April. Dates & times will be announced later.

We are please to announce that the response for the monthly drop off was fantastic and we would like to thank everyone for your donations. We also would like to thank everyone that helped to unload and sort the donations. It takes a large group to accomplish this. Please continue to save your treasures and we will take them when collections resume at the end of April. Thank you for your support

The Rummage Sale Team

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 every/other Tuesdays afternoons, 2:00 pm in the Church Lounge. Contact the office for exact meeting dates and further information.

DAYCARE NEWS

Happy New Year to everyone. May this year bring health, love and peace.

For January we are learning about winter fun, music/health/fitness, winter animals, winter weather and dental health. We will also be learning about Jesus loving children, the woman at the well, Zacchaeus, Jesus' prayer and Abraham obeys God.

Winter is always a busy time for us. Let's hope the snows and sicknesses stay away.

Lynn Snell, Director of Day Care



SATURDAY - JANUARY 6, 2024 – 9:00 AM

PARISH BUILDING

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

Guest Speaker: Brad Lewis, US Army Chaplain

Contact Ryan Ogurchak with any questions.

January Prayer Focus – **In the beginning...**

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ as we begin 2024! It is a joy to ponder the new start of this year and how did we get here so quickly? Well, it actually all started, “in the beginning” many, many years ago. Our church-wide focus will be praying and seeking God for his guidance, for his goodness and for his blessing into the year ahead, realizing that all things come from His hand and that we welcome His authority upon our lives, upon our fellowship and upon our local and far away communities. One way to keep this thought in our minds is to meditate upon the following scripture so that it becomes second nature in our lives:

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

Simple. Profound. Truth. Hey friends, can we memorize together this scripture and speak it before the Lord? Whisper it, repeat in your devotional time, voice it in the car and going about your activities. It might startle a coworker or shake up the check-out person, but it might also make a positive statement in a sometimes-negative atmosphere. Can we encourage our children and grandchildren to learn these few words? They are beautiful in meaning, but they are also powerful, reminding the dark forces around us that it is God who created all that we see and that He rules over all that He created. And as we acknowledge this truth, it is acknowledging to *ourselves* that we are choosing to keep God in the forefront and not the background. And on a whimsical thought, even Maria from the *The Sound of Music* had it right....”Let’s start at the very beginning, a very good place to start”

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

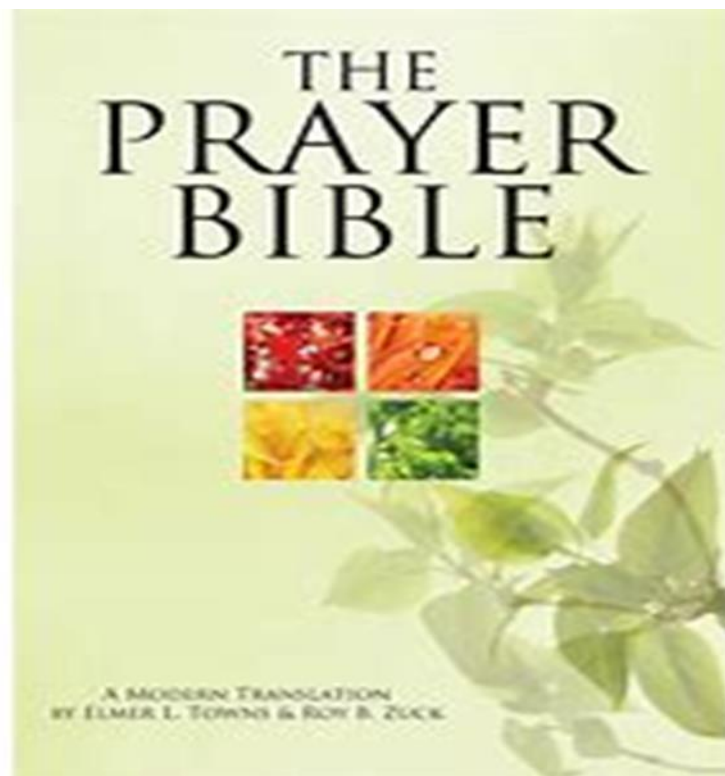
Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Psalms 51:10

If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Cor. 5:17

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

Using your concordance or internet scripture search, using “new”, “creation” or word of your choice, find scriptures that speak to YOU and let them find a home in your heart. An eternity investment with short term return of joy and peace, no matter your circumstances. He is with you.

The BEST year ahead for every one of you..... The Women’s Prayer Group Initiative



Ladies, who among us has not wanted to enrich our prayer lives? Using a Prayer Bible can help you build confidence in prayer, help you know WHAT to pray for, and maintain focus during your prayer session.

The Ladies Prayer Initiative is offering a mini-workshop on building - and USING- a Prayer Bible personalized to your own specific prayer needs. Please consider joining us for an overview session on Saturday, January 20 at 10-11:30 a.m., followed by work sessions on January 27 and February 3.

Sign up sheets will be available in both buildings. Questions can be directed to Barbara Toomey or Wendy Tobias.

MISSIONS MEETING

There will be a Missions Team meeting on Thursday January 11 at 6:30 PM in Rm A4 (Ed Wing)

All interested in helping with Mission Outreach are welcome. Contact Kristina Ogurcak with any questions.



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.



DET’S End of Year Report for 2023 – *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.”

In five short months – from the time the Debt Elimination Team (DET) was formed thru Leadership Council’s directive – great progress has been made to eliminate Chapel’s mortgage indebtedness. We are pleased to report, and **praise God**, that Traditions Bank original amount of indebtedness of \$525,873.27 has been reduced to \$409, 134.43 as of the publication of this January 2024 newsletter.

There were 3 major blessings that intersected in 2023 – (1) sale of land adjacent to Heiland View Cemetery on Rt. 24 and Chapel Church Roads, (2) disaffiliation from the UMC and affiliation with the GMC, which included mandatory re-financing of the existing mortgage at that time and (3) a 1-year grace period of no apportionments paid to GMC.

We are grateful to the Chapel congregation for the **MANY WAYS** and **HARD WORK** that is ongoing - to bring victory thus far and eventual total victory when the mortgage is burned. A 2-week stewardship emphasis and thermometers placed in both buildings to gauge the progress were initiated in November. The specific list of financial contributions includes the regular monthly payments (given thru the weekly offerings), extra monthly payments made August thru November, Summer Fest, 165 campaign which coincided with the 165th anniversary of Chapel Church’s existence, Romeo scrap drive, craft show, gift/car wash sales, chow chow sales, apple dumpling sales on Election Day, wood sales, memorial bequest, individual gifts, etc. Some of these fundraisers, which enabled extra payments on the principal, are ongoing.

As we look into 2024, we are pleased to share with you a few events already in the planning stage: spring rummage sale, Fickes Family Night of Music, the “noisy quarter”, etc. Eliminating the debt is a church-wide responsibility - the reality of having paid \$609,747 interest for the past 11 years is a reminder that “. . . *the borrower is slave to the lender.*” Proverbs 22:7. We hope this stark reality will spur you on to action of what you or a small group/ministry you are involved in can do and invite your ideas – we are thankful for those already presented to us. Feel free to contact any of the DET members:

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*** Note: Monthly newsletters from September thru December contain articles in more detail about various projects.



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 Church Small Group Study Classes – January

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	various
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 – 2024

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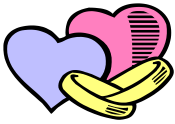
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Happy Birthday & Anniversary:

Jan 2 Wayne & Deb Angel
Jan 4 Jerry & Ginny Farrell
Jan 10 Dan & Danyiel Wise

Jan 27 Ray & Norma Boyd
Jan 28 Richard & Ruth Poff
Jan 30 Larry & Lois Orwig



1	Mike Reinhold	20	Deb Fickes
3	Tami Smedes	20	Declan Hussman
4	Chuck Vucetich	21	Josh Bailey
5	Kathy Shoff	21	David Toomey
6	Bill Livelsberger	21	Brian Elicker
7	Diane Fauth	22	Chloe Smith
7	Deja Graver	26	Loch McKinnell
7	Sydney Logan	26	Jeff Schaeberle
10	Joshua Arroyo	27	David Snyder
10	Eleanor Grosse	27	Zena Witmer
11	Jerry Henry	28	Remy Angel
12	Don Wiemeyer	28	Eve Krall
16	Terry Bluett	29	Steve Stine
17	Rhonda Kitlinski	30	Eileen Reinoehl
17	Brenda Wagner	31	Stacey Bluett
		31	Ray Forney

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And catch up with what's happening at Chapel!

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