

THE CHAPEL MESSENGER

JANUARY 2026

A Letter from Pastor Josh

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

Chapel family,

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and blessed New Years. In 2026, we can expect to see God show up in mighty ways. On January 11, we will begin a new series on the Sermon on the Mount. We will look at the sacred teachings of Jesus and how we can apply them in all areas of our lives.

In anticipation of our next series, let us all revisit Jesus' words from Matthew 5-7. So many of His most well-known teachings come from these three chapters of Scripture.

Also, in 2026 we will be casting a fresh vision for the next three years. I look forward to what God has in store for Chapel Church and the Red Lion and Dallastown community. Let us make a Kingdom impact so people may know the transformative power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

For Him,

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



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



Youth Update:

Hello everyone!. We had a great Advent season. We looked into a few of the events that happened up to the birth of our Lord focusing on Gods redemptive story to His creation. We will be doing a series on God making all things new starting in January. We also had the opportunity to go caroling at a Country Meadows Retirement Community. The Youth and some of the other ministries caroled to those who are in the memory care facility and a few of the residents as we walked around the halls. We continue to see some awesome growth in the youth group both spiritually and new youth coming and worshipping with us!

Young Adults!

Young Adults is going very well! The Young adult group is for anyone who are ages 18-25. The young adults meet in room B5 in the basement and will be meeting there for both Saturday evenings starting at 6pm and Sunday mornings during the Sunday school hour. For Saturday the small group will include scripture study, discussion and prayer. The study that we are doing is Francis Chans study on the Gospel of Mark. If you or someone you know is interested in something like this please reach out to Ian McKinnell and he will get you plugged in! ian@chapelchurch.org

My office hours are Monday 10:30AM to 1:30PM and Thursday from 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM





NEEDS!

If you are looking for a wonderful way to serve our King and Savior, consider using your helpful hands and loving heart to teach, assist, or watch our children. We are looking for individuals to hang with the children on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month. Additionally, we are seeking teachers and helpers to assist during Children's Church. Thanks so much for your desire to help this young generation of disciples to feel safe and seen in this chaotic world.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

From nursery to 6th grade, the children are following the same programming, simply adapted to their age. We are using The Biggest Story, a beautifully illustrated storybook, Bible, and video series that highlights God's faithfulness and always points to "The Snake Crusher" (Jesus!).

The elementary children are enjoying their separated classes. They have been challenged with learning a new Bible verse every week, and they have been doing fantastic! With the classes being separated into an older elementary and younger elementary, we are now able to include 2nd-6th graders in our upper elementary class for Children's Church.

We have transitioned to the children remaining in the education wing full time! The children and volunteers have adapted wonderfully, and the change has helped the flow immensely!

Looking Ahead:

Easter Event – March 28 – more details to follow

Debt Elimination Team (DET) Updates January 2026

*“Honor the Lord with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase”
–Proverbs 3:9 NKJV*

Thoughts of Encouragement for the New Year for the Chapel Family

Dear Chapel Family:

To God Be the Glory!!!! We have come through an incredible year in reducing Chapel’s mortgage indebtedness. In addition to the regular and faithful giving of Chapel Church, the following projects during 2025 alone have made this possible: fall wall campaign of giving, car show, dinner theater, individual and memorial gifts, online selling thru Market Place, loose change, IRS employee retention credit, sales of chow chow, gift cards, Mister car wash gift cards, apple dumplings, wood, books; and recently **metal scrap** has **exceeded** 100 delivered and sold loads which translates to 86,393 lbs. or 43 tons and \$10,422!

Last year’s January newsletter article reported \$255,143 balance. We are reporting one year later a balance of **\$122,428.51**. See updated facts below in box ↓.

The new theme that emerges – *Will 2026 be the year the mortgage is paid in full?*

Traditions Bank mortgage: current (12/26/25) balance: \$122,428.51

\$6,755 less than 11/26/25 report (\$129,183)

Traditions Bank beginning mortgage balance: \$525,893

New Goal: Paid in Full

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

→ ***Years/months remaining – 2 yrs. 11 mos. / Balloon repayment plan: 6/26/28***

→ ***Interest paid to Traditions Bank since 6/2023: \$56,866***

→ ***Total Interest paid since 2012 (several institutions inc. Traditions): \$647,643***

Community Book Sale rescheduled for April 17 and 18 – with the church library being dismantled and books we saved from the car show book sale, we are planning a bigger and longer book sale and giving you another opportunity to donate books, CD’s, DVD’s and puzzles. Place on the shelves inside the Education Wing doorway.

“ABC Evening” May 16, 2026 –see Deb Fickes for questions

Homebound Ministry Update

Chapel has a lovely group of senior citizens who are a delight to visit in their homes, presently eight families. When members of the Visitation Team enter a home, it's as if they are carrying a light representing Chapel, their home church, where many have worshipped for years and hold cherished friendships and memories of their spiritual journey. They love to hear of Chapel news and any updates we can give them. To enhance this "lifeline", we'd like to suggest recognizing their birthdays or anniversary. Each month, our members' dates are listed in the Newsletter and we will begin to **BOLD** the names of our Homebound, and if their address is different than in the Directory, we will list their new address. It may be a small act of kindness but to those on the fringe of church attendance, it can be a mountain of encouragement. Feel free to sign not only your name, but how you came to make Chapel your church home. AND... if you would like to join our band of visitors, feel free to talk to anyone listed below.

DISCLAIMER: Chapel takes no responsibility for the soft spot you will find in your heart for these precious folks in our church family 😊 Enter their homes as an ambassador of Christ, and share your time with those grateful for your presence!

Bonnie Bluett, Gayle Wiemeyer, Gaye and Brad Ludwig (Communion) and Pastor Josh

Campus Coordinator Update

If you are interested in renting our campus for your event, please schedule your dates as soon as possible. We are already scheduling events for next year. Rates are listed on the Chapel website. For more information on our facility or to reserve a date for your event, please contact George Bradshaw at [George@chapelchurch .org](mailto:George@chapelchurch.org)

Chapel ABC Event coming May 16, 2026 to benefit debt reduction!!!!



A = Auction, B = Buffet, C = Concert

We all like to eat.

We all like music.

We all like to fellowship and have fun.

Then mark your calendars for Saturday evening, May 16th, 2026 where you'll have a chance to enjoy all this plus you'll help raise money for the mortgage.

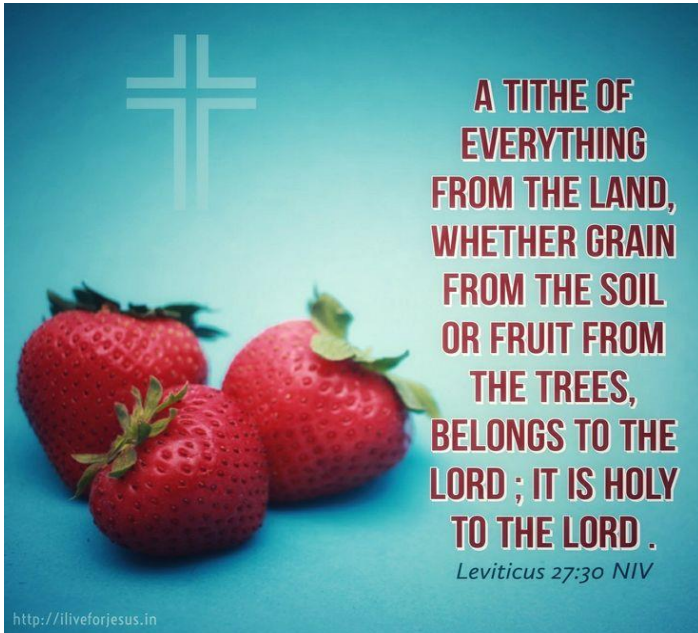
The evening will begin with a **POT LUCK** dinner, followed by a concert from Chapel's own performers. Rounding out our fun-filled evening will be an auction where you can bid on items and services donated by members of the congregation. You won't want to miss this extraordinary evening!

To make it a complete success, we need your help and active participation in the event. Please consider donating your items/talents to be auctioned. Perhaps you'd be willing to donate time to perform yard work or paint a room for someone. Perhaps you're a woodworker and would like to make a piece of furniture. Maybe you could offer a couple music lessons, handyman or plumbing services.....anything that could help or benefit someone else. Put on your thinking caps and get those creative juices flowing. Sign-up sheets for donations coming soon!!!

For any questions, please contact Deb Fickes.



Welcome to Missions! Have a need that you want to share with Missions, know someone who may need assistance, want to get involved but you're not sure what opportunities are available... email: missions@chapelchurch.org.



Did You Know? Chapel Church supports missions by tithing 10% of the offering each week. This enables the Missions Team to support many requests throughout the year. Thank you for your faithful support!



Wounded Warrior Project

"Whether you're transitioning out of the military, navigating life as a veteran, or supporting a loved one who served, we're here for you. At WWP™, we believe true healing comes from caring for every part of your well-being. That's why our wide range of programs and services work together to empower your social, physical, mental, and financial wellness — meeting you where you are and walking with you every step of the way.

From [mental health care](#) and [physical wellness](#) to [career counseling](#), [benefits guidance](#), and [peer support](#), our programs and services are designed to address the full picture of your life, all at no cost to you. Because challenges are rarely isolated, we surround you with resources that strengthen every area of wellness — creating lasting impact for you and your family." Source: Wounded Warrior Project website



Beth's story can be found here: www.woundedwarriorproject.org/mission/meet-a-warrior/beth-king

We are very thankful to the men and women who have served in the United States Military. Supporting the Wounded Warrior Project is a way to let the service members know that they are loved and there is hope. Chapel Church made a donation to Wounded Warrior Project and the gift was matched, doubling the impact.

Ore Valley Elementary School has students who have lunch on Friday at school and may not have another meal until they return to school on Monday. The school has a backpack program to ensure the children have something to eat over the weekend. Thank you to everyone who supported the food drive for Ore Valley. Chapel also sent funds to support student activities and funds for the school nurse. Sometimes clothing and extras are needed, and Chapel was there to meet the need, thank you.



In His Service,
Susan Workinger
Missions Chair

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Thank You

Blessings to each and all for the New Year as we look forward to how we can bless our community and our church family by serving our Lord together.

Please accept this heartfelt THANK YOU to those who faithfully show up to volunteer, participate, and serve with willing hearts.

You are appreciated more than words can express and the events/projects would not be accomplished without your gifts and talents.

An extra/huge Thank You! especially to each one who supported and worked behind the scenes this year to present the Dinner Theatre and Live Nativity events. Challenges were met and overcome because of the teamwork and the talents, skills, and spiritual gifts which were shared with love and grace!

For anyone who is wondering what might be needed to help our church offer great events and fun experiences - please let the office know that you are interested so someone can be in contact to provide information.

What can YOU do to help? What dream do YOU envision?

What part can YOU play in how we serve God and community together?

The well-known saying 'Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!' is completely true!

Muriel [CLM]

LAITY - what does that word mean?

The definition states -'ordinary people, as distinct from professional or experts'; church-related concept means 'distinct from clergy (pastors).

Ahhhh! That means all of us! It means - YOU!

Scripturally, we are reminded that as Believers and Disciples of Jesus, we are ALL ministers of God's Word! [Eph.4:11, 12; and many other references].

Within this new connectional experience called the Global Methodist Church (5/1/22) with which our Chapel congregation has aligned, the strength of the Laity is being vibrantly revived through the power of God's Holy Spirit.

Chapel is a vital part of the Northeast Annual Conference, which includes twelve states stretching from Maine to Maryland and Delaware, including most [2/3] of PA, part of WV, plus DC. That's 150,000 sq.miles with nearly 200 local congregations and new churches being planted in areas hungry for God's Truth!

There are newly formed teams - local and conference level - which are building momentum for outreach, missions, worship arts [music, media, communication], disciple-building, prayer, church planting, and much more. These opportunities are open to any member of a local GM church. There are also opportunities available, and being developed, for equipping the laity to go deeper in our spiritual walk with our Lord.

Please reach out for more information if you are sensing a deeper call on your life and/or have a desire to use your God-given spiritual gifts to further His Kingdom. Contact Pastor Josh, who is our area's Presiding Elder; or contact Muriel Slenker [Certified Lay Minister] for more information.



SATURDAY – January 3rd – 9:00 AM-PARISH BUILDING

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

Topic – Planning Ministry Opportunities for 2026

Contact Ryan Ogurchak with any questions.



Grief Support Group

January 7 – 6:30 PM – Lounge

Lead by Brian Uffelman, this group is for people to come to talk, open up and pray together regarding any type of grief/loss such as death, sickness, divorce/separation, loss of job, etc. . The group will meet the first Wednesday of every month.

Questions may be directed to Brian Uffelman at uffelmanbrian@gmail.com or 717-424-2053

Adult Small Group Study Classes

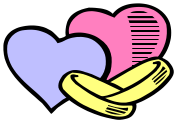
CLASS	CURRENT STUDY	WHEN	WHERE	INSTRUCTOR
God & Bible	Letters from the Apostle Paul	Sunday 9:15 AM	Lounge	Muriel Slenker
Crusaders for Christ	The Gospel of John	Sunday 9:15 AM	Ed Wing – A4	Various
Families for Christ	Parables for Today	Sunday 9:15 AM	Fellowship Hall	
Women Together	The Power of the Holy spirit's Names	Sunday 9:15 AM	Ed Wing – A6	Dorain Foote
Couples for Christ	Art of Marriage	Sunday 9:15 AM	Basement- Choir Room	Ogurcak \ McCleary
Men's Class	The Narrow Path	Tuesday from Jan 6 – Feb 3 6:30 PM	Ed Wing – A4	Ryan Ogurcak, Pastor Josh, Chuck Vucetich
Women's Class	Motherhood Together	1 st & 3 rd Thursday 6:30 PM	Lounge	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	Mary Ann Tierney & Regena Reinoehl
Women's Prayer Group Initiative		2nd & 4th Monday 8:15 AM	Lounge	Gaye Ludwig \ Wendy Tobias
Men's Prayer Group		Monday 6:30 PM	Lounge	
Young Adults	"Gospel of Mark"	Sat 6:00 PM & Sunday 9:15 AM	Basement – B5	Ben Wise and Molly Conrad
Movie Study	House of David	Monday 1-19 /3-16 6:30 - 8	TBD	Ian McKinnell

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Happy Birthday & Anniversary:

Wayne & Deb Angel	Jan 2	Dick & Ruth Poff	Jan 28
Dan & Danyiel wise	Jan 10	Larry & Lois Orwig	Jan 30
Ray & Norma Boyd	Jan 27		



Mike Reinhold	Jan 1	Declan Hussman	Jan 20
Tami Smedes	Jan 3	Josh Bailey	Jan 21
Wayne Getz	Jan 4	David Toomey	Jan 21
Chuck Vucetich	Jan 4	Brian Elicker	Jan 22
Kathy Shoff	Jan 5	Chloe Getz	Jan 22
Bill Liveisberger	Jan 6	Loch McKinnell	Jan 26
Diane Fauth	Jan 7	Jeff Schaeberle	Jan 26
Deja Graver	Jan 7	Nancy Vanatta	Jan 26
Joshua Arroyo	Jan 10	Dave Snyder	Jan 27
Jim Bosley	Jan 10	Zena Witmer	Jan 27
Eleanor Grossee	Jan 11	Remy Angel	Jan 28
Don Wiemeyer	Jan 12	Eve Krall	Jan 28
Rhonda Kitlinski	Jan 17	Steve Stine	Jan 29
Brenda Wagner	Jan 17	Eileen Reinoehl	Jan 30
Sharon Wolfe	Jan 18	Stacey Bluett	Jan 31
Deb Fickes	Jan 20	Ray Forney	Jan 31

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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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