THE CHAPEL MESSENGER

JULY 2026

A Letter from Pastor Josh

"worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.."

Chapel friends,

I'm excited for what God is doing this summer. Our Un-VBS is scheduled for Thursdays in July, we have small groups meeting for both men and women, and we will have combined worship with a potluck/picnic August 30.

At our August 30 potluck/picnic I'd like to do a baptism remembrance. This would be for anyone previously baptized who would like to remember and reaffirm their baptism. I would ask that anyone interested to please wear clothes that can get wet. We will also be receiving new members of Chapel Church that day. If you are interested in membership, please email me at josh@chapelchurch.org.

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 –Thursday

9: 00 AM – 12: 00 PM

Friday - closed

Prayer Chain:

chapelpt@gmail.com

Worship Updates

Aug 30 – Combined Worship – 10:00 AM – Sanctuary – see separate article for more details

.The July Leadership Council Meeting will be a closed session – any questions contact Ryan Ogurcak.

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MINISTRY

July 2	Youth night 6:30 – 8
July 5	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15
July 9	Youth night 6:30 – 8
July 12	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15
July 16	Youth night 6:30 - 8
July 19	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15
July 23	Youth night 6:30 - 8
July 26	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15
July 30	Youth night 6:30 - 8



Youth Update:

Hello everyone! In the month of June the youth group had the opportunity to watch the 1st and 2nd I can only Imagine movies during youth night. These films are really great and if you haven't seen them yet I really encourage you to check them out. We also talked about grace and the testimony of John Newton the man who wrote Amazing Grace was shared. The youth also helped with a mulching project that was donated for the ABC event! As we head into the month of July we have a few other service projects in the works so stay tuned! We have also started conversations about a trip to see the creation museum and the ark in Kentucky in the summer of 2027. While this trip would deviate from our usual summer activities I think it would be an awesome opportunity for the youth to see and experience some amazing museums and in doing so would get to know our awesome God just a little bit better! We appreciated your prayers as we continue to walk in Gods path for us!

Upcoming events!!

We meet every Thursday from 6:30pm to 8. This is for grades 7-12. We play games, worship through music, pray for each other, and learn through scripture study. If anyone at any age is curious about what we do during youth group, please join us we would love for you to worship with us!

We also meet every Sunday during Sunday school hour. This time is spent teaching how to read Gods word.

If anyone needs help with anything around their home over the summer please let me know! We are looking for service opportunities for the youth!

If you are interested in getting involved, please reach out to Ian McKinnell at ian@chapelchurch.org

Young Adults!

Young Adults has been going very well! And we are excited to see what God has for this group in the future. The Young adult group is for anyone who is ages 18-25. The young adults meet in B4 for both the 2nd and 4th Saturday evenings starting at 6pm. For Sunday mornings during the Sunday school hour. For Saturday the small group will include scripture study, discussion and prayer. The young adults study is called "In a pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day" If you or someone you know would be interested in something like this please reach out to Ian McKinnell and he will get you plugged in! ian@chapelchurch.org





WHAT'S HAPPENING?

We are trying something new for us this summer. The children in our program have been craving depth. Their questions are big, and we want to help them explore the answers safely and lovingly. This is why we are trialing a family-style night of worship and learning once a week for the month of July. This program is open to all children (through 6th grade) and their parents/guardians who regularly attend Chapel. We are excited to try something different and ask for your prayers as our children and their adults worship and learn together.

LOOKING AHEAD…

Un-VBS - July 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 30th, 6pm-8pm → We will begin promptly at 6pm. Enter at the Education Wing. Please arrive early to sign in and receive your papers!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- **July 19th-24th** – 13 of our children will be heading to church camp during this week! We are excited for this opportunity and so thankful for the church and sponsors who contributed to make this happen! Please mark this date on your calendars to pray for our kids as well as the leaders who will be joining the kids at the camp.

un-VBS Family Registration

**This is NOT a drop off event

Parent/Guardian Information

Name:

Phone :

Address :

Email:

Child(ren) Names and Age(s)

Nursery is available for children ages 0 to 3 ONLY. Please check the box to the right of the child's name if you wish to have him/her partake in our nursery group.

Emergency Contact Information :

Help Needed !! We are looking for nursery helpers for Sunday school (9:15-10:15am) and worship (10:30-11:30am), as well as elementary Sunday School teachers and helpers (9:15-10:30am). We have a really great group of kids, so don't be afraid to say "Yes!" to one or more of these opportunities. You will be blessed! Contact Maria (maria@chapelchurch.org) or Linda (lac202@outlook.com) to answer any questions or for more information. Thank you for helping us serve our next generation.

The Chapel Rummage Sale for 2027

The Chapel Rummage Sale will be a CHURCH-WIDE fundraiser in 2027. The rummage sale will be held April 29 & 30 and May 1 of 2027. As you sort, clean, de-clutter and downsize, please keep this in mind for donating to Chapel. Rummage Sale monthly drop off will start the 2nd Thursday of each month beginning September 10, 2026 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the Parish Bldg. Accepting small items only that will fit in a box 23x11x16 (clothing, jewelry, books, etc.). No large items will be accepted until April 2027. Any questions, please contact Bonnie Bluett at bonniebluett@yahoo.com, or other Rummage Sale Committee members: Deb & Jim Fickes, Pat & Ray Forney, Lois & Larry Orwig, and Jean Chubb.

. Debt Elimination Team (DET) Updates July 2026

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

– 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

For the past nearly three years we have watched the mortgage balance lessen each month – sometimes with "gigantic" drops due to fundraisers or large donations and other times with smaller declines . . . but **always** declining. With this writing we have moved below the fifty thousand dollar balance . . . the burden feels lighter . . . the thanks louder . . . but we are not at the finish line . Y E T.

The final "let's get this paid" campaign will be announced in late summer.

In the meantime the (1) metal scrap recycling, (2) online selling including many leftover books from April book sale and (3) loose change keeps increasing. Those 3 total fundraisers from inception to date have contributed more than $22,000 - a testament to our paraphrase of Nehemiah 4:6 "So the debt was paid . . . for the people had a mind to work." Give a hallelujah to God . . . and look forward to the smell of burning paper.

Join us in making 2026 the year the mortgage is paid in full!!!!!"

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Balance June 2024 **$325,091.99**⬇
Balance June 2025 **$222,697.50**⬇
Balance June 2026 **$ 45,975.17**⬇

←Hallelujah Facts

Traditions Bank beginning mortgage balance: $525,893

Traditions Bank current (6/26/26) mortgage balance: $45,975.17

$ 8,231.30 less than 5/26/26 report ($54,206.47)

Percent paid: **91.3%** ***Percent owed*****: 8.7%**

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

➔ ***Years/months remaining – 1 yr Balloon repayment plan: 6/26/28***

➔ ***Interest paid to Traditions Bank since 6/2023:*** **$59,725**

➔ ***Total Interest paid since 2012 (several institutions inc. Traditions):*** **$650,501**

Goal: Paid in Full in 2026

Metal Scrap Drive: Call Larry Orwig (717-847-8967) if you have scrap to be picked up or have questions.

Annual Car Show: September 19, 2026

8am Choir and Special Music schedule:

July 26 – Choir - Christmas in July

August 2 – Molly Conrad

August 9 – Bud Warner

August 16 – Melissa Elicker

August 23 – Choir

September 6 – Jess Kessler

September 13 - Choir

September 20 – Dave Hake

September 27 – Jim and Deb Fickes

October 4 – LeeAnn Wilt

October 18 – Dawn Snyder

October 25 – Choir

November 1 – Bud Warner

November 29 – Muriel Slenker

December 6 - Choir

December 13 - Choir

December 20 - Choir

December 24 (Christmas Eve)



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.

Susan Workinger

Missions Chair

Community Laundry Program

In May, Chapel Church started a new mission outreach to the community. On the 1st and 3rd Thursday from 5-7pm, community members can get their laundry completed, in partnership with MBella Laundromat.



LifePath Corners of Your Field

Donate your gently used items and help support the mission of LifePath Christian Ministries. Every donation helps make a difference in the lives of others throughout the community. Donations can be dropped off at any of the 4 LifePath Thrift Stores or at the bin in the Chapel Church parking lot. From the donations received from Chapel Church, a portion is returned to the church in the form of LifePath Thrift Gift Cards. The gift cards have been shared with individuals coming to the church for assistance, shower ministry, 18 South and other organizations.

Locations:

621 Lombard Rd, Red Lion, PA 17356

2142 S Queen St, York, PA 17403

2414 Eastern Blvd, York, PA 17402

283 W Market St, York, PA 17401



Faith Beyond the Pews 2026

"What a week. Over the past five days, volunteers from churches across our community came together to serve neighbors through home repairs, accessibility improvements, ramps, painting, staining, clean up projects, and countless acts of kindness.

But the real story isn't found in the number of projects completed. It's found in the relationships built, the prayers shared, the laughter exchanged, and the neighbors who were reminded that they are not alone.

When the work camps end, the impact remains. Homes are safer. Lives are changed. Volunteers return home inspired. And our community is stronger because people chose to serve.

To every volunteer, project leader, church, homeowner, donor, and supporter: thank you for making Faith Beyond the Pews possible.

Together, we lived out our faith beyond the walls of the church and into the neighborhoods we call home. Preserving Homes. Providing Hope."

Source: Servants Facebook Page





Hi All,

Daycare has been a busy place. We are working on completing a large grant ($50,000) that we received from Echo Community Grants. We focused on social and emotional wellbeing with this grant. You may notice several new items in the classrooms and Fellowship Hall. These were all from this. We have also been able to have a therapist here to work with the children , staff and parents. It has been educational for all of us. As with grants we just applied for a second grant to revamp the playground. We will find out in July if we got it or not. Just a little sales pitch, if we do get it we are looking for someone that would be interested in building a few bird houses or feeders. Materials will be supplied.

We just completed Graduation and had a full crew of parents in attendance. We were happy to see over 70 on a Friday morning. We have 10 graduates moving to school age at the end of the summer. Everyone did a great job of singing and sharing for the graduation.

We just planted our little garden boxes. We hope to have tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers in a bit. The kids like gardening, watering and trying our harvest.

This summer as a goal, we hope to all learn the Lord's Prayer as well as diving into learning more from the Bible about Jesus and his friends.

Thank you all for your donations of items, assistance and prayers.



Thank you to all who are using the card racks. A reminder for the rest of you, the racks are in the narthex of the sanctuary, the education wing, and the parish building.

We are offering card workshops to all teens and adults every month. The next workshop is Wednesday, July 29 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. We will be making card to fill the card racks. We have a good time creating and fellowshipping. Hope to see you there.

Chapel Family Picnic, August 30, 2026

Plans are coming together for our 2nd annual Chapel Family Picnic on Saturday, August 30th. This will take place at noon in the Parish Building following the Combined Worship Service that morning. Stay tuned for more information in the newsletter and bulletins of bringing in side dishes/desserts as well as watching for sign up sheets in the lobbies of both buildings. If you have any ideas to implement this year, feel free to let us know! The vision is fun for all ages... come join the family!

Gaye Ludwig and LeeAnn Wilt, on behalf of the Picnic Team

BEFORE 1776

As we celebrate this country's 250th anniversary, consider our rich heritage at Chapel Church which has deep roots connected to the movement of the Holy Spirit during the 1700s. An Anglican clergyman named John Wesley was already assisting his brother, Charles, in establishing 'Holy Clubs', structured societies for personal piety and a disciplined life based on scriptural truth. He used what is known as the 'Wesleyan Quadrilateral' – *Scripture (above all) plus tradition, reason, and experience* – as a method for developing and for living a holy life. Even so, John Wesley struggled with his own spiritual understanding and assurance of his personal salvation. On a missionary journey to the colonies, he was influenced by the quiet singing and lack of fear of a group of German Moravian emigrants which he witnessed during a vicious storm at sea. Their spiritual peace seemed to be what he was searching for in his spirit. Further influence came later when he discovered Martin Luther's commentary to the Galatians, and then at his Aldersgate Street experience while listening to Luther's preface to Paul's letter to the Romans as it was being read. His intellectual conviction finally became his personal understanding of salvation by faith. He continued his evangelistic efforts in the colonies as a circuit riding preacher with a strong emphasis on God's mercy, grace, and the leading of God's Holy Spirit.

Our church's heritage also includes the foundational beginnings of the Brethren church in 1767 which was a result of a revival meeting in Isaac Long's barn in Lancaster County PA. William Otterbein (German Reformed) declared to Martin Boehm (Mennonite) that 'We are brothers', and, in 1800, the first denomination in America was founded, known as The Church of the United Brethren. Fifty-eight years later [1858], our church began as a result of an open-air revival, and established as a congregation of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ of York County PA. The 'Evangelical' underpinnings in our line of heritage are connected to the Protestant movement of the 1730s as the various missionary preachers spread the Gospel message of God's love and redemption through the power of the Holy Spirit, and our rebirth when we confess our sins and believe in Jesus as Savior and Lord.

The Colonial era, Revolutionary War years, the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and the establishment of these United States of America, all happened simultaneously with the Great Awakenings and the movement of God's Holy Spirit. Across those many generations of people building a new country, The United States of America was set in place with the words found in the Preamble (which sought to inspire and unite a vision of a better life): *"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of happiness."* God's Spirit is still moving us to revival and a better way of life abundant in Him. May we continue what has been established. May God be glorified.

Adult Small Group Study Classes

CLASS	CURRENT STUDY	WHEN	WHERE	INSTRUCTOR
God & Bible	Book of Mark	Sunday 9:15 AM	Lounge	Muriel Slenker
Crusaders for Christ	World of the End	Sunday 9:15 AM	Ed Wing – A4	Various
Families for Christ	Jesus in the Old Testament	Sunday 9:15 AM	Fellowship Hall	Various
Women Together	Top Ten List for Christians	Sunday 9:15 AM	Ed Wing – A6	Susan Workinger
Couples for Christ	Art of Marriage	Sunday 9:15 AM	Basement- Choir Room	Ogurcak \ McCleary
Men's Class	Romans	Monday or Tuesday 6:30 PM	A4	Ryan Ogurcak, Ian McKinnell
Women's Class	New Testament	1st & 3rd 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 & Regena
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	In A Pit with a Lion on a snowy day	Sat 6:00 PM & Sunday 9:15 AM	Basement – B5	Ben Wise , Molly Conrad & Cameron Smith
Women's Bible Study	Romans	Tuesday 6:30	A6	Kathy Hutchinson Gaye Ludwig Barb Toomey
Women's Bible Study	"The Gospel on the Ground"	Thursday 9:00 AM	Phat Cat coffee shop	Kristina Ogurcak

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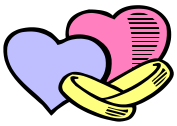

Happy Birthday & Anniversary:

Don & Gayle Wiemeyer	July 1	Henry & Regena Reinoehl	July 29
Ray & Pat Forney	July 2	Barry & Jane Dehoff	July 30
Ted & Anne LeGore	July 24	Barry & Wendy Tobias	July 31



Leon Blessing *	July 1	Michael Anuszewski	July 17
Corinne Oswald	July 1	Julia Bradshaw	July 17
Eli Wilt	July 2	Whitey Breeden	July 19
Harrison Sorvillo	July 6	Donna Hoke	July 21
Isaih Ogurcak	July 7	Mike Grim	July 22
Len Kitlinski	July 8	Cheyenne Fix	July 26
Wendy Tobias	July 9	Marek Tanner	July 26
Jared Conrad	July 15	Doris Shearer	July 30
Elliot Gigrich	July 15	Samuel Toomey	July 30
Trinity Garber	July 16	Debi Deller	July 31

Leon passed away on June 24th.

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Return Service Requested

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And catch up with what’s happening at Chapel!

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