THE CHAPEL MESSENGER

JUNE 2026

A Letter from Pastor Josh

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

Chapel family,

I am so excited for what God is doing among us. When I look around at the various ministries, I am grateful for the work that is being done in Jesus' name. One of the things that gives me the most joy is the fellowship of Chapel Church. People coming together from various backgrounds, ages, and perspectives to build the Kingdom in our corner of the vineyard.

This was very evident at our ABC event. What a night of fun, food, and Christian fellowship. It brought us all together for a common purpose to serve our church. However, there are so many in our community that do not know about Jesus. This is a sacred responsibility that God has entrusted to Chapel. We must give opportunities for people to respond to the gospel of Jesus. Let us reach those who are lost and offer hope to the hopeless.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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 –Thursday

9: 00 AM – 12: 00 PM

Friday - closed

Prayer Chain:

chapelpt@gmail.com

Worship Updates

June 14 – Graduation Sunday - both services. If you have a graduate, send their name, school, future plans (if known) and a photo (if available) to the church office & steve@chapelchurch.org

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

June 11 – The church office will be closed for the Annual Conference & reminder that the office is always closed on Fridays.

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



Youth Update:

Hello everyone! In the month of May the youth group wrapped up our study in the Gospel of Mark. We were very blessed during this study and it has been awesome to see the rest of the church studying the gospel of Mark on Sundays. As we look forward to the summer we are going to be helping a few congregants with some projects around their home as well as some mulching! 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!

June 20th mulching project

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 will be starting a new study 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?

As May concludes, the children have finished studying the first five books of the Old Testament. They have been learning about the people and stories seeing how God perfectly picks imperfect people to carry out his plans. They have been learning that God is loving yet his wrath is real, and all sin requires the payment of death. We always point to God's ultimate redemption plan, Jesus. These kiddos love the odd facts, tid-bits, and the answers for "why" – and we include them whenever and wherever we can!

With the success of dividing up the Children's Church into upper and lower elementary classes, we will continue separating the classes throughout the summer. During the summer, our goal is to work through the next five books of the Bible – Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1& 2 Samuel.

LOOKING AHEAD…

Un-VBS - July 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 30th

VBS will look different this year! We will be trialing a once-a-week evening program for kids 4-12 years old.

We will have a 4-week program in the evening. Our hope is the kids will have more time to go home and truly ponder what they are learning rather than jumping right into another day of learning. Meanwhile our leaders will get the chance to truly form a bond with the kids. It has been shown that kids who feel welcome and safe are more likely to come back to church. ***Friends, leaders, influencers, and pastors are all ESSENTIAL for solidifying this healthy relationship. If you are interested in being a part of something different, if you desire to see children worshiping our KING, if your heart is broken over the hurt in this world, if YOU have been hurt and you don't want to see another child go through it – I invite you to serve alongside me. Please reach out to me: 484-264-1621 or maria@chapelchurch.org.***

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.



THANK YOU to EVERYONE for making the ABC event a huge success!!

We had fabulous food, fun fellowship, entertaining music, spirited bidding, joyful camaraderie, terrific service to each other, great relationship building and remarkably successful debt reduction.

Special thank you to our anonymous matching donor!

Our proceeds from this event (including the generous donor match) are $20,558. 100% of this gets applied to mortgage reduction.

We ALL did this TOGETHER, as a family and a body of Christ! Well done Chapel Church!

Debt Elimination Team (DET) Updates June 2026

"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."



What a fun evening the long-anticipated ***ABC event*** was . . . held on Saturday, May 16. For some folks it was time to reminisce about an earlier ABC event and what bids they won. And for others it was a totally new event. We give a **huge shout out to Deb Fickes** who championed the idea and planned and executed the event. **To Deb and ALL** who helped in so many ways, including donors and buyers, we extend our thanks. Some of you will enjoy some great home-cooked meals and other yummy desserts; or baby/child care services . . . some of you will have your vehicle cleaned or patio/sidewalks power washed, flowers planted and mulched. . . some of you will enjoy sourdough, crochet, fudge, golf and painting lessons. Still others will enjoy using the gift cards purchased. The total for mortgage reduction: $10,279 matched with $10,279 or **$20,558** has greatly plummeted the thermometer to the left. See Deb's separate newsletter article.

Balance June 2024 $334,934🡻
Balance June 2025 $226,019🡻
Balance May 2026 **$54,206** 🡻

Traditions Bank beginning mortgage balance: **$525,893**
Traditions Bank mortgage: current balance: $54,206.47 (5/26/26)
Percent eliminated: **89%** ***Remaining balance percent:*** **11%**
$ 30,703 less than 4/26/26 report (84,909.88)
➔ **20-year mortgage (240 months) @ 6.25% - monthly payment $3,896**
➔ ***Years/months remaining – 1 yr 3 mos. / Balloon repayment plan: 6/26/28***
➔ ***Interest paid to Traditions Bank since 6/2023:*** **$59,325**
➔ ***Total Interest paid since 2012 (several institutions inc. Traditions):*** **$650,101**
New Goal: Paid in Full ~ Will 2026 be the year?

- **Metal Scrap Drive is Ongoing**: Call Larry Orwig (717-847-8967) if you have scrap to be picked up or have questions. See list in April newsletter.
- **Loose Change in the Churches:** total since started: **$2,928**
- **Online Sales and book sales** continue to grow
- **Annual Car Show**: September 19, 2026
- Looking for **"summer champions" for fundraisers** – suggestions if you would love to organize one: chicken BBQ; sandwich and/or soup sales; apple dumpling sales; community breakfast, etc. etc.

←**Variety of**
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←**mortgage**
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8am Choir and Special Music update:

2026 Choir singing Sundays:

June 14

July 26 – Christmas in July

August 23

September 13

October 25

December 6

December 13

December 20

December 24 (Christmas Eve)

Upcoming special music dates are:

July 26 – Wendy Tobias Harp Trio



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.

In His Service,

Susan Workinger

Missions Chair

Mission Cry



God's Word can go to every part of the globe, even to the remotest places. Here, in Honduras, inmates in prison proudly display their new Bibles they received from Mission Cry. Jesus said there is a special blessing for us when we remember those in prison. Source: Mission Cry Facebook Page



This precious woman from Hong Kong, just received a Bible and Christian books from Mission Cry. The look on her face shows gratitude and love, that she has God's Word in her possession. Her life will be changed dramatically, and you can have a part in changing other lives as well. Source: Mission Cry Facebook Page

Chapel Shower Ministry



Donations of pudding cups are needed for the Shower Ministry. Any variety, any brand - Donations can be dropped off in the Parish Building, marked for Shower Ministry, through June 15th.



Summer break will be here before we know it, and to support families in feeding their children during this time, we're providing extra snacks, drinks, and easy-to-prepare meals throughout June, July, and August. We'd greatly appreciate any help in collecting these items. Donations can be dropped off at 15 1st Ave, Red Lion, during regular business hours, M, T, Th, F 9am-1pm or W 2-6pm. For large collections, please email office@commreach.org to make special arrangements. Thank you for helping feed the kids in our community this summer! Source: Community Reach Facebook Page

Shower Ministry Update

Mission Moment last month highlighted the Shower Ministry at Chapel. The current members of our team are Gaye Ludwig, Lish Quade, Cheryl Reinhold, Whitey Breedon and Dorain Foote. A big shout-out as well to Larry Orwig and Jim Fry as they help to keep our facility in order and running smoothly. I'm not sure if that has anything to do with Larry blocking off calls from Lish (just kidding) but they do arrive promptly when needed and their help is greatly appreciated! This completes our "table" as we provide showers, bagged lunch and the simple act of conversation of anything from world events, what's happening in Red Lion, or to the more sobering look at their current living arrangements and what can be done to improve their quality of life. It's been said that "it "takes a village", but we would go further and say "it takes a ***Church Family***" to provide a ministry that is Jesus-honoring and respectful to those in our community that are able to benefit from our services.

Thank you!

"Save-the-date" for Chapel Family Picnic

Hello there Chapel Family…. we are holding our 2nd Annual Chapel Family Picnic on Sunday, August 30, 2026. This will take place in the Parish Building immediately after the combined service that morning. We hope you will circle the date on your calendar and plan on joining your Chapel Family for fun, food and fellowship. If you have any ideas to implement this year, please let us know! This is YOUR picnic and we would love to hear any suggestions. Stay tuned for more details! Gaye Ludwig and LeeAnn Wilt, Picnic Team



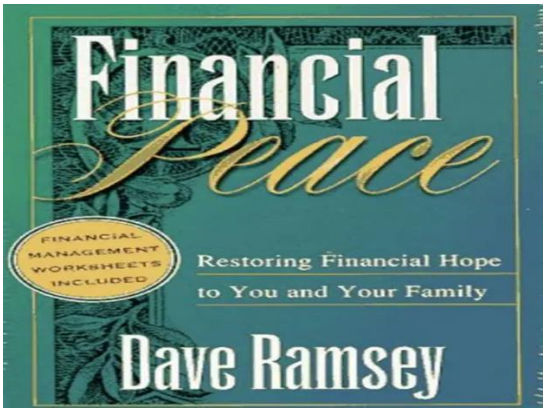
Men’s Ministry Campfire

June 12 @ 6:00 PM

Ron Chubb’s house

3699 Brownton Road, Felton

Join us for a relaxed and meaningful evening at our Men’s Ministry Campfire! We’ll gather at the Chubb’s House (3699 Brownton Rd, Felton, PA) on Friday, June 12th at 6:00 PM for food, fellowship, and encouragement around the fire. This is a great opportunity to connect, unwind, and grow together—feel free to bring a side dish to share and a lawn chair. We hope to see you there!



Starting in mid-July, Chapel will be offering Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Class. It's a 9-week course that will take place on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00pm. The class starts Thursday, July 9th and will run through Thursday, September 3rd. The class is designed for couples, however, will be beneficial for singles as well. The class will be led by David Zurn.

The class will cost approximately $100 per kit, however, half will be reimbursed if attendees are there a minimum of 8 out of the 9 classes. We would be looking to fill 20 slots for the class. Checks should be made payable to Chapel Church & turned into the church office. Signup sheets will be in the lobbies of both bldgs. Attendance is limited to Chapel members/attendees. The last day to signup is July 2nd. Contact Ryan Ogurcak with any questions.

In *Financial Peace University*, you'll learn how to:

- Take control of your money
- Attack debt with a vengeance and pay it off fast
- Save for emergencies
- Choose the right insurance plans
- Invest wisely and build wealth
- Give generously (the best part)

1776 - Celebrating our Faith and our Country – 2026

1776 brought the historic beginning of a new nation known as the United States of America.
Our country is celebrating its 250th Birthday on July 4th! The foundations of our faith have marched along in the footprints of those colonial and revolutionary and early forebearers.

Chapel Church saw its beginning 82 years later, in the fall of 1858 (just 2&1/2 years before the start of the Civil War), as the result of a weeks-long revival event. Since then, our congregation has grown and served the surrounding communities with the sole purpose of sharing God's love and mercy and grace. We have served Him under a succession of denominational banners – first as 'Brethren in Christ of York County', then as 'Evangelical United Brethren', next as 'United Methodist', and now as 'Global Methodist'. Each has had its own reasons in formation/merger and development; the most recent ended in disaffiliation from the UMC (2022) and reaffiliation (2023) with the newly formed GMC. All have carried the same basic foundational doctrines and disciplines which sprang from the dedicated and inspired preachers of early years:

*Philip Otterbein > German-Reformed missionary [his 300th birthday falls on June 3rd];
He emphasized personal conversion, holiness, practical Christian living, and introduced class meetings, prayer meetings, and open-air gatherings.
*Martin Boehm > Mennonite preacher; Lancaster PA
*John Wesley > English; Anglican minister; influenced by Peter Bohler (Moravian), Martin Luther, George Whitefield, as well as the Epistles of the Apostle Paul.

God used the intertwining experiences, mission work, and preaching of these men to stir the hearts of those who heard His Word, which brought about spiritual renewals known as 'Great Awakenings' of the 1700s &1800s. The United Brethren in Christ, The Evangelical Church, and the Methodist movement were all born from the work of such men of God. Our Methodist roots are the direct result of John Wesley's focus on living a disciplined spiritual life in the study and pursuit of holiness thru four basic tools: [1st] **Scripture, plus tradition, reason, and experience.**
As Global Methodists, our mission is to 'make disciples of Jesus Christ' and 'spread scriptural holiness across the globe'. We 'worship passionately', 'love extravagantly', and 'witness boldly'! Rooted in Scripture. Led by the Holy Spirit. Advancing God's Kingdom.

2026 looks in the rearview mirror through 250 years of history of this unique nation.
Men and women of all faiths have played vital roles in building the country, sustaining its foundations, serving and protecting it, and providing spiritual wisdom and Godly examples.
In our small portion of this great land, we have been part of the colonial beginnings, the revolutionary struggles, the horrors of war between northern and southern states; each generation since then has seen peace, war, distress, progress, growth, faith, and everything in-between.
So it has been with God's people. Yet, He continues to bless and provide, sustain and protect.

Keep the faith and carry it on to those who come after us.

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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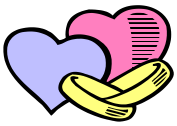

Happy Birthday & Anniversary:

Bruce & Polly Bailey	June 1	Chloe & Wayne Getz	June 19
Ryan & Karla McCleary	June 2	Josh & Brandy bailey	June 23
Chuck & Pam Vucetich	June 5	Mike & Cheryl Reinhold	June 23
David & Linda Hake	June 6	Len & Rhonda Kitlinski	June 26
Barry & Eileen Little	June 8	Donnie & Diane Fauth	June 28
Perry & Treva Bailey	**June 12**	Denny & Muriel Slenker	June 30
Heather & Michael Dunn	June 13		



Cathy Grim	June 2	Maranda Toomey	June 15
Henry Orwig	June 2	Travis Fauth	June 18
Wes Wilson	June 2	Jerry Hutcheson	June 18
Sandy Stine	June 3	Bonnie Bluett	June 20
Kathy Hutcheson	June 7	Max Sedgwick	June 22
Elise Smith	June 8	Roy Smeltzer	June 22
Barry Wallick	June 11	Eileen Little	June 24
Marilyn Kotcher	June 12	Donald Fauth	June 25
Larry Orwig	June 12	John Carter	June 28
Jonathan Bluett	June 15		

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Return Service Requested

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And catch up with what’s happening at Chapel!

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