

THE CHAPEL MESSENGER

MARCH 2025

A Letter from Pastor Josh

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

Chapel Friends,

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We are entering the season of Lent as a time of reflection and hope. We prepare our hearts and lives for the resurrection of our Lord.

March 5 is Ash Wednesday, which begins our forty-day journey of fasting, repentance, and prayer. I also look forward to our Sunday evening Lent services with our local Global Methodist Churches and clergy. We are teammates in Christ working together in accomplishing His mission.

In a world so full of brokenness, the resurrection is our ultimate hope. "Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth" - Colossians 3:2

For Him,

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

March 5 – Ash Wednesday Prayer Supper & Service – 5:30 (supper) 6:30 service

Lent Services:

March 9 – 6:00 PM – Chapel Church – Pastor Chris Nauta

March 16 – 6:00 PM – Emanuel Windsor – Pastor Josh Wargo

March 23 – 6:00 PM – Highmount – Pastor Bryant Holtzapple

March 30 – 6:00 PM – St. Paul’s – Pastor Jeremy Phipps

April 6 – 6:00 PM – Bethlehem Stonepile – Ian McKinnell

March 30 – 5th Sunday – Combined Service 10:30 AM – Sanctuary – Potluck to follow in Parish Bldg.

Holy Thursday – April 17 – 7:00 PM – Sanctuary

April 20 - Easter: Sunrise – 6:30 AM – Pavillion Combined Service – 9:30 AM – Sanctuary

Fellowship Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall between services



Mar 6	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Mar 9	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 8
Mar 13	Youth night 6:30 - 8
Mar 16	Sunday Schl 9:15-10:15
Mar 20	Youth night 6:30 – 8
Mar 23	Sunday Schl 9:15-10:15
Mar 27	Youth night 6:30 – 8



Hello Chapel Family!

Looking ahead to these next few months, we have some things coming up!

-March 13th, 6:30pm – Egg Hunt Meeting – Our Easter event is de-branding! In the Children’s Ministry, our aim for this event is sharing the Gospel. This meeting is for anyone and everyone who wants to be a part of the excitement that will take place on April 5th!

-March 27th, 6:30pm – VBS Meeting – If you plan to let God’s light shine for the kids this year during VBS, this meeting is for you! Magnify God’s goodness by being the hands to help, the feet to lead, the ear to listen, the heart to feel for our kids as well as the kids in the community! God moves during VBS – let none of us hinder Him and instead allow Him to use us!

-March 30th, 9am – We will have our first **team huddle** for all Children’s Ministry volunteers during this time! Coffee, tea, and snacks will be provided. Please come with open hearts and minds, ready to learn!

March 30th, 10:30am – There will be no Sunday School, Nursery, or Children’s Church.

April 5th, 6pm – Glow Egg Hunt – Dinner will be provided for all those who help! Sign-ups will be available in the coming weeks. Start prepping by making family glow-in-the-dark t-shirts!

- We have a needs list for our Easter event! Please note this list will be continuously updated, so be sure to check back periodically. Use the link below to access it:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1POCHX8CTWSCL?ref=wl_share

April 20th – Easter morning there will be no Sunday School, Children’s Church, or nursery. Bags will be provided to children. Please enjoy this time as a family as we celebrate Jesus’s resurrection

-June 16th-19th – VBS – Vacation Bible School, evening times TBD. Dinner will be provided for all those who help!

- **ADOPT A ROOM!** Join forces with other crafters to take ownership of *decorating a VBS area*! Create a Room Team with friends or join a random Room Team to build new friendships. The children attending VBS will vote for their favorite! Prizes for the winning team include bragging rights and their team name printed on a “still-to-be-named” trophy. Please direct any and all inquiries to Maria.
- **Join our VBS TEAM** June 16th – 19th as we magnify God. Psalm 34:3 says “Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.” Pump up the kids while acting silly as an emcee. Lead a team of kids as they explore God’s “bigness” in the small things. Teach kids about the goodness of God. Make it stick (sticky!) with coordinating crafts, snacks, and games. **Register to volunteer using the link below. *You must register for each day individually. **Let us know if providing dinner for volunteers would be helpful! ***If you cannot access this website or it is not working for you, please fill out the attached sign-up form!*** (see next page)**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BA4AF2CA6FECE9-53717884-vbsvolunteers>

As always, Chapel, thank you for allowing me to serve you! If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask!

In Christ,

Maria

Children’s Church

We continue to have approximately **14 kids or more** for children's church each week, which is a blessing! Our children are inviting their friends!! These kids are fired up for learning about Jesus . We have 2 adult volunteers that do the teaching/crafts. We have been trying to find some youth helpers(or others) since that really helps to have another pair of hands with this many children (ages 5-8). Please contact Marie or Bonnie Bluett if you are able to help or have any questions.

Volunteer Registration Form

Vacation Bible School 2025

June 16th-19th

Curriculum: Magnified by Lifeway

Contact Information

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____ Reach me best by (circle one): TEXT EMAIL

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

T-shirt Size (Unisex): _____

VBS Details

Please put an "X" or checkmark in the circles.

I am available:

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday

Preferred areas of serving:

With the understanding volunteers are needed everywhere and will serve where needed, my top 4 choices are:

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Emcee | <input type="radio"/> Team leader | <input type="radio"/> Registration |
| <input type="radio"/> Games | <input type="radio"/> Crafts | <input type="radio"/> Snacks |
| <input type="radio"/> Songs | <input type="radio"/> Security | <input type="radio"/> Other |

A provided dinner each night would be helpful to me and my family.

YES

NO

I would be able to attend a meeting on March 13th in the evening.

YES

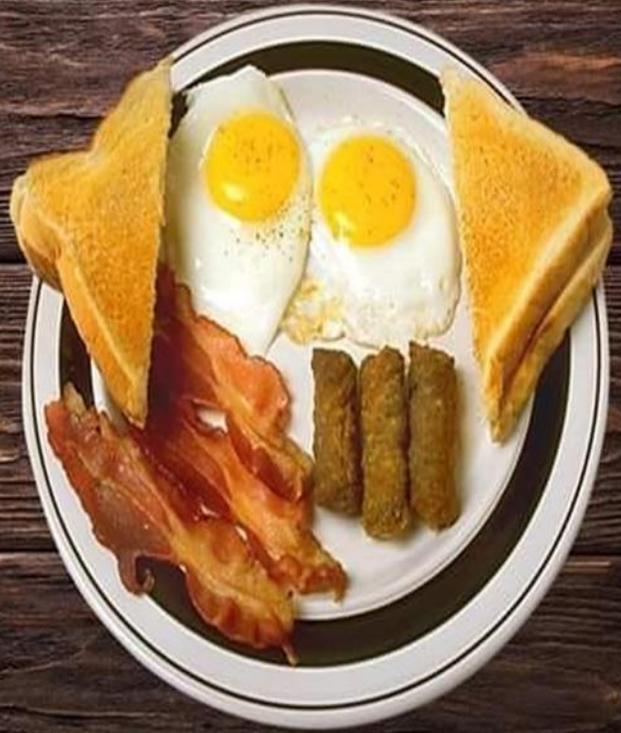
NO

Thank you for volunteering! I look forward to serving alongside you!

-Maria Gagliardi

Men's Breakfast

Join us for
food, faith, and
fellowship



SATURDAY – April 5 – 9:00 AM-PARISH BUILDING

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

Guest Speaker: TBD

Contact Ryan Ogurchak with any questions.

Little Dresses for Africa Mission Project Update

Dear Chapel Family, Our mission project has now come to an end. The dresses are either on their way to Africa or are already there. I got a lovely note from the founder of this organization Rachel O'Neill. Her note said that this project plants in the hearts of little girls that they are worthy. She expressed to our church our generous monetary donations in helping the dresses get to Africa and she expressed her thanks to all the sewers for their generous time and talent in making these dresses.

Now I would like again to express my GREAT thanks to all who were involved in any way helping to making this mission project the great success it was. We sent 124 dresses to Africa knowing God's plan will be done for these girls and give them hope and self-esteem. God called us and we answered. Let us continue to serve God in our community and all over the world. To God be the glory for the plans he has for us to do for him.

In Christ, Dawn Snyder

Congregational Care Update (Visitation and Communion)

Chapel Church has an awesome history of providing visitation to our homebound members. Our contact can be a home visit, serving communion, sending cards or a telephone call. Each person visited is unique in their situation and all are very appreciative of staying in contact with their home church and the Visitation Team. Currently, there are 9 families on our list with varying needs and it is a joy to share the love of Christ and the sweet fellowship of Chapel with each of these. If you are interested in hearing more about this "behind-the-scene" ministry, please contact Bonnie Bluett, Gayle Wiemeyer, Brad and Gaye Ludwig or Pastor Josh.

A Note from the Treasurer

Thank you all for your faithful giving to Chapel Church. I would like to encourage you if you are not already etithing, please consider etithing.

Etithing is a win-win for all of us!

You have the option of giving by using your checking account or credit card. Using your checking account is the best option for Chapel Church. There is a minimal per item charge of \$.39 involved. Using your credit card involves the per item charge plus an approximate 3% credit card processing fee. Here are a few examples when you use your credit card for payment:

Giving of \$50 gives Chapel Church approximately \$48.

Giving of \$200 gives Chapel Church approximately \$194.

You are in control of your giving! You can go onto the website and pay whenever you want to give (today or schedule a payment). Or you can set up recurring (weekly or monthly) giving. This giving is very safe and confidential and convenient. It helps with cash flow the weeks when it is bad weather, no power, illness, etc. It is less work for the Counting Teams.

As Pastor Josh mentions every week, we also have a QR code available to give to Chapel Church.

There is a summary of all ways to give to Chapel Church in the weekly bulletin.

Should you have any questions about any of this, please let me know and we can chat!

Debi Deller Treasurer (treasurer@chapelchurch.org)

Deuteronomy 15:10

“Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.”

This verse underscores the importance of giving freely and without reluctance. Generosity with a joyful heart leads to God’s blessings in all areas of life.

Half-Way Plus to Paid ~ March 2025 – Report from DET

From \$525,873 to \$245,415

SLOW AND STEADY WINS THE RACE . . .we are in the cycle of this old adage. We confidently watch the mortgage figure lower each month. The February newsletter reported the balance as \$249,815 – this month the balance is \$245,415! Thanks to the weekly faithful giving and fundraisers “for principal only”. Thanks to all who “see and report” to the ROMEO Scrappers what possible metal is seen in driveways – waiting for someone to take it away.

The good news: we are half-way to paid!!!!

The challenge: we are half-way to paid!!!!

New goal: three quarters to paid - \$131,468

Traditions Bank mortgage: current (2/26/25) balance: **\$245,415**

Traditions Bank beginning mortgage balance: \$525,893

Half-way to paid : \$262,937

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

→ *Years/months remaining – **6 years 5 months** (77 months)*

→ *refinanced in 2028 if not paid by then*

→ *Interest paid to Traditions Bank since 6/2023: **\$45,622***

→ *Total Interest paid since 2012 (several institutions inc. Traditions): **\$636,398***

Update: ongoing projects (directly to principal):

Online Sales \$75.00 Feb. scrap \$38.00

Ongoing projects: Wood Sales . . . Chapel new and used vintage cookbooks . . . loose change in the “churches” . . . metal scrap recycling

Contact any member of the Debt Elimination Team with your ideas and how you are willing to head up a group of like-minded individuals for the benefit of mortgage principal reduction.

Jean Chubb	jrc2@comcast.net	717-309-3022
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Lois Orwig	huffy822@aol.com	717-424-9740
Kathy Shoff	shoffy2@comcast.net	717-515-9077

**STAY TUNED FOR THE "WALL CAMPAIGN"
COMING AFTER EASTER!**

DINNER THEATRE! SATURDAY, JULY 26!

The Case of the Mysterious Stranger

Setting is in The Cafe' Flambe'

Various cast positions still open. Simple four course meal with short scenes in-between (and mostly seated at the tables). Lots of laughs and fun with an underlying message of being hospitable to all.

Kitchen help and table servers are a very important part of the event. Meal is plated and distributed.

Rehearsals will begin in June, with the possibility of a first-read in May; schedules will determine how many (and timeframe) of each practice.

Please contact Muriel Slenker for more information.

This is also a fund-raising event for the debt reduction.



Missions will be hosting a free to go bagged meal on Saturday, April 26th from 11-1 in our parking lot. We will be putting together the bagged meals on Friday, 25th from 5-8pm in the parish building kitchen and then handing them out on Saturday. We'd love any and all to volunteer for this outreach event. We will have a flyer for you to hand out, so we can get the word out to the community and we'd love to make this a semi annual or quarterly event once we get the ball rolling. Reach out to Kristina Ogurcak with any questions.

Adult Small Group Study Classes

CLASS	CURRENT STUDY	WHEN	WHERE	INSTRUCTOR
God & Bible	“Supernatural” by Carolyn Moore	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	The Daniel Prayer	Sunday 9:15 AM	Fellowship Hall	
Women Together	God Works All Things Together	Sunday 9:15 AM	Ed Wing – A6	Jean Chubb
Go With The Flow	“Deeply Formed Life”	Sunday 9:15 AM	Library	
Couples for Christ	The Rhythm of Us	Sunday 9:15 AM	Basement	Ogurcak \ McCleary
Men’s Class	“Forgotten God” & “Bondage Breaker”	*Wed or Thurs @ 6:30 PM	Ed Wing	Ryan Ogurcak Pastor Josh
Women’s Class	Motherhood Together	1 st & 3 rd Thursday 6:30 PM		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	
Women’s Prayer Group Initiative		1 st & 3 rd Tuesday 8:15 AM	Lounge	Gaye Ludwig \ Wendy Tobias
Men’s Prayer Group		Monday 6:30 PM	Lounge	

Note: Families for Christ – “Miracles of Jesus” – starting March 16

2025 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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STAFF

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James Fry	Maintenance	Frydaddy36@yahoo.com	



Happy Birthday & Anniversary:

Pam Cunningham	Mar 4	Jerry & Linda Hendy	Mar 14
Charlie & Cheryl Hess	Mar 11	Jim & Deb Fickes	Mar 25

Congratulations to Jerry & Linda on their 60th anniversary



Ben Brinton	Mar 1	Lana Cooley	Mar 18
Misty Goldstein	Mar 2	John McClane	Mar 18
Tom Whetsel	Mar 2	Pat Miller	Mar 20
Brooke Gingrich	Mar 3	LeeAnn Wilt	Mar 20
Jerry Farrell	Mar 4	John Wagaman	Mar 22
Connie Hussman	Mar 4	Toby Shoff	Mar 24
Dalton Orwig	Mar 5	Nancy Smith	Mar 24
Rachael Conrad	Mar 7	Jillian Tyson	Mar 25
Kathy Leiphart	Mar 7	Ruth Poff	Mar 26
Sam Odulana	Mar 8	Ernie Smeltzer	Mar 26
Jay Goldstein	Mar 10	Casey Helmeczi	Mar 27
Mary Groupe	Mar 10	Dan Cooley	Mar 28
Michael Hengst	Mar 10	Ruth Delia	Mar 29
Addy Bailey	Mar 12	Jeremy Orwig	Mar 29
Linda Rinehart	Mar 16	Bradd Sprenkel	Mar 30
Cassie Durham	Mar 16	David Bluett	Mar 31
Ione Groff	Mar 16	Lyra Schell	Mar 31

Congratulations to Mary Groupe on her 90th birthday. Congratulations to John Wagaman on his 95th birthday. Cards for John Wagaman can be sent to 190 Rosedale Drive, Manchester, PA 17345

Kathy Groff wishes “ to thank everyone for all the cards I received. I also appreciated all the prayers and meals. I am so blessed to have such a great Christian family.”

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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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