

# THE CHAPEL MESSENGER

MAY 2026

## A Letter from Pastor Josh

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

Chapel Friends,

I am excited about all God is doing in our church. It's easy to look at the negative. It's easy to look at what is not working. We know we certainly have our challenges. When we look through eyes of faith, we see we are living out the mission of the church. Jesus commanded us to make disciples. In order to make new followers of Jesus, we too must be a follower of Jesus. We must all be willing to raise up that next generation of people who love and follow Jesus.

Think about the people who came before us. Perhaps, think about someone who was a spiritual mentor in your life. How can we share that same hope that was once shared with us. How can we pass on the faith that was passed down to us?

As we journey together through Mark, I am reminded of the words of Jesus. "Repent and believe in the gospel" - Mark 1:15 ESV. This is still His call to all of us. Regardless of how long we have been at Chapel or have been a follower of Jesus, we all need to repent of our wicked ways. Revival begins with repentance, just as repentance leads to new birth.

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

**Combined Worship – May 31 – 9:00 AM - Sanctuary**



May 3	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15
May 7	Youth night 6:30 – 8
May 10	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15
May 14	Youth night 6:30 – 8
May 17	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15
May 21	Youth night 6:30 - 8
May 24	Sunday Schl 9:15 – 10:15
May 28	Youth night 6:30 - 8
May 31	No SS



## Youth Update:

Hello everyone! I wanted to start off with an updated on what the youth have been up to over the last month. We are wrapping up our study of the Gospel of Mark in May, this has been a great study and has been very fruitful. We also had our annual youth retreat the last weekend in April. During the retreat we spent time learning about the Holy Spirit and learning about what Spiritual gifts the Lord has given each of us. It was awesome to see them learn what giftings they have and start to think about how God may be leading their lives and how God might use those gifts. We also did many activities and we even were able to get a hike! We appreciated your prayers during our retreat and look forward to next year!

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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ian@chapelchurch.org)





## **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all those who helped with our Easter Family Escape. From candy donations to stuffing eggs and helping with the puzzles. We had right around 100 kids join us this year. And parents were involved! Praise God!

## **LOOKING AHEAD...**

Un-VBS - July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>

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 worshipping 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:**

- **May 31st** – We will have a combined worship service at 9AM. There will be no children's programming or nursery available. Afterwards, the children will make a father's day gift while the parents have another teaching moment!

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING?**

From nursery to 6<sup>th</sup> 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 separate classes as are our teachers! 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 2-6<sup>th</sup> graders in our upper elementary class for Children's Church.



**A = Auction, B = Buffet, C = Concert**

Our ABC evening on May 16<sup>th</sup> is approaching quickly! Donations are flowing in! You do NOT want to miss this fun, special evening. Feel free to invite friends and family you think could be interested. The current list of donations with full descriptions is included in this newsletter.

Donations will be accepted through Sunday, May 10 so if you haven't submitted something and want to, please let me know.

More exciting news is that an anonymous member is matching all dollars bid!! How GREAT is that!!! So keep the donations coming and start plotting what you want to bid on and buy!

It's important now to indicate if you're coming and what food you're sharing that evening. This information aids in set-up and determining any food gaps that need to be addressed.

Thank you ALL for embracing this event - donating services and food, your presence at the event and your willingness to buy! Looking forward to a FUN evening!

Any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out at 717-654-2655 or [djnf9573@comcast.net](mailto:djnf9573@comcast.net). Deb Fickes

## **Items to be Auctioned:**

**Texas Roadhouse Gift Card and Fudge** - donated by Ginny Farrell. A \$50 gift card to Texas Roadhouse plus 1 lb. of Chocolate Peanut Butter fudge. Estimated value is \$60.

**Pumpkin Roll** – donated by Melissa Elicker. Pumpkin roll, freshly made for your choice of date/occasion. Estimated value is \$10.

**Lawncare Labor** – donated by Cameron Smith. Four hours of lawncare LABOR including mowing, trimming, brush trimming, spreading mulch, etc. Estimated value is \$200 each (\$400). **Quantity of 2.**

**Pressure Washing** – donated by Rick Poff. Up to 4 hours. Sidewalks, siding, sheds, patios, and driveways. Estimated value is \$250.

**Cheddars Restaurant Gift Cards** – donated by Muriel and Denny Slenker. Gift cards total \$45. Estimated value is \$45.

**Custom Cupcakes** – donated by Pam Vucetich. Up to 4 dozen Custom Decorated Cupcakes for the event of your choice. Estimated value \$96.

**House Cleaning** – donated by Stacey Burke. Two-hour service can include vacuuming, mopping, dusting, etc. - "everyday" cleaning. No heavy cleaning. Job must be located in the Red Lion/Dallastown area. Estimated value \$50.

**Silk Floral Arrangement** – donated by Mark Downs. Personal, made to order, silk floral arrangement of your choice - color scheme and/or occasion. Estimated value is \$125.

**PA Dutch Dinner** – donated by Deb Fickes. Homemade PA Dutch Dinner including boiled hamburger pot pie with hand-rolled noodles, red beet eggs and whoopie pies (flavor choices available). Up to six people. Estimated value is \$60.

**Strength Training** – donated by Kristina Ogurcak. Two-session strength training for the same individual. Session one targets arms and core. Session two targets legs and core. Each session is 25-35 minutes and will occur in a small group setting. Location is Transforza Gym at 3195 East Prospect Road, York. Preferred days would be Monday and Wednesday. Estimated value is \$50.

**Sourdough Baking** – donated by Wendy Tobias. Master Sourdough the EASY way! Learn how to keep a starter and bake your own bread. You will go home with your own sourdough starter and a freshly baked loaf of bread. Estimated value is \$50.

**Crocheting Lessons** – donated by Doraine Foote. Crocheting lessons. Estimated value is \$50.

**35MM Slides Transfer** – donated by Ron Chubb. Transfer of up to 100 slides to digital format. All images will be placed on thumb/jump drive (included in service). Estimated value is \$65.

**Car Cleaning** – donated by Jim Fickes. Wash, wax and buff, and clean the inside of one car. Includes tire shine as well. Estimated value is \$60 each (\$120). **Quantity of 2.**

**Candy Clusters** – donated by Melissa Elicker. Clusters galore! Decorative container includes one pound of milk chocolate PB peanut clusters, one pound of dark chocolate PB peanut clusters and one pound of white chocolate cranberry clusters. Estimated value is \$45.

**Reading Tutor** – donated by Anne LeGore. Ten hours of reading tutoring over the summer for a primary grade child (K-2nd or possibly 3rd grade). Estimated value is \$250.

**Handmade Cards** – donated by Barbara Toomey. Four handmade greeting cards, tailored to your specifications of interest. Estimated value is \$20.

**Air Fryer** – donated by Bonnie Bluett. Chefman Air Fryer with accessories (only used a few times so it's like new). Estimated value is \$65.

**Fudge Lesson** – donated by Esther Hengst. Lesson in how to make Esther's World-Famous Peanut Butter/Marshmallow Fudge. Service includes instructions, all ingredients, 11" x 7" glass pan, the recipe and roughly three pounds of fudge to enjoy yourself or share with others. Estimated value is \$50.

**Handmade Quilt** – donated by Mary Ann Hildebrand. Estimated value is \$300 each (\$600). **Quantity of 2.**

**Cheesecake** – donated by Diane Fauth. Homemade Cheesecake - will be provided the evening of the event. Estimated value is \$35.

**Handyman** – donated by David Snyder. Ten hours of light handyman work (no electrical). Could also include yard work, clean-up work, etc. Estimated value is \$250.

**Tax Prep Service** – donated by Ella Fritz. Tax Preparation Services. Estimated value is \$250.

**Painting Lessons** – donated by Janelle Warner. Let's Paint! One on one painting sessions at your place or mine. Up to five sessions total. All supplies are included. Buyer choice of surface. Lots of stencils are available for use as well. Estimated value is \$175.

**Decorative Square** – donated by Norma Emenheiser. Hand-sewn and hand-quilted decorative square. Estimated value is \$25.

**Paintings** – donated by Chapel Church (from dismantled library). Paintings by Phil and Phyllis Hoffman or Angie Orwig. Estimated value is \$100 each (\$600). **Quantity of 6.**

**Babysitting** – donated by Nancy Smith. Four hours of Babysitting. Estimated value is \$100.

**Shopping/Errand Assistance** – donated by Stacey Burke. Provide transportation weekly for one month to grocery shop, general shop, doctor appointments, run errands, etc. Transportation must be within Red Lion/Dallastown area or Apple Hill complex. Estimated value is \$120.

**Hand-crafted Walking Stick** – donated by Jean and Ron Chubb. Made by Ken Kreiger, this stick was originally auctioned at the 2009 Great Chapel Picnic. Estimated value is \$65.

**Harp “Tasting”** – donated by Wendy Tobias. "Harp tasting". Come explore the harp and whet your musical curiosity. Learn the fundamentals of harp playing. Take home a harp for a week of "noodling" and playing. Estimated value is \$100.

**Mulch and Mulching** – donated by Ian McKinnell and Chapel Youth. PROVIDE and spread up to four yards of mulch. Includes flower bed clean-up before spreading if needed. Maximum 1 day of work. Estimated value is \$300.

**Applebees Restaurant Gift Cards** – donated by Muriel and Denny Slenker. Gift cards total \$45. Estimated value is \$45.

**Mystery Envelope** – donated by Chuck and Pam Vucetich. Envelope filled with surprises to SERVE you. Estimated value is \$50.

**Banana Roll** – donated by Melissa Elicker. Banana roll, freshly made for your choice of date/occasion. Estimated value is \$10.

**VHS Transfer** – donated by Ron Chubb. Transfer up to 10 VHS tapes (no more than 2 hours each) to Digital Format - thumb/jump drive included in service. Estimated value is \$165.

## *Debt Elimination Team (DET) Updates May 2026*

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**Books Books and More Books** (not ignoring DVD's, CD's, puzzles and games) was the theme for the April Book Sale . . . for one week the Parish Hall buzzed with set up, unpacking and organizing, selling, repacking the leftovers and tearing down, A N D going thru the leftovers looking for more treasures to sell before the final step: donate to Kreutz Creek Library.

**Book Sale Total: \$1,750 ~ Food Total: \$480 ~ Grand Total: \$2,230.**

Thank you to every single person who helped in any way – a few hours or a few days –and to all kitchen duties and bake sale donations!!!! Thank you to all who donated several thousand books!!!! But the story isn't over . . . many of the leftover "treasures" are being placed for online sales and we look forward to the upcoming months when the \$2,230 will keep increasing!!! Truly the Book Sale exemplifies the paraphrased verse from Nehemiah: "**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."

Balance May 2024 \$379,767 ↓  
Balance May 2025 \$233,879 ↓↓  
Balance May 2026 **\$84,910** ↓↓

Next event to watch the thermometer continue to "fall" downward ~ **ABC ~ May 16 @ 5:00 p.m.** – see separate articles for all the details, including matching funds, or contact Deb Fickes directly: (717-654-2655)

**Traditions Bank mortgage: current (4/26/26) balance: \$84,910**  
**\$9,330 less than 3/26/26 report (94,240)**  
**Traditions Bank beginning mortgage balance: \$525,893**  
→ 20-year mortgage (240 months) @ 6.25% - monthly payment **\$3,896**  
→ *Years/months remaining – 1 yr. 11 mos. | Balloon repayment plan: 6/26/28*  
→ **Interest paid to Traditions Bank since 6/2023: \$58,886**  
→ **Total Interest paid since 2012 (several institutions inc. Traditions): \$649,662**  
**New Goal: Paid in Full ~ Will 2026 be the year?**

- The **Metal Scrap Drive** remains a popular way to help mortgage reduction. Call Larry Orwig (717-847-8967) if you have scrap to be picked up or have questions. See list in April newsletter. ← **Variety of ways to support mortgage reduction**
- **Loose Change in the Churches** ← support
- **Online Sales** ← mortgage
- Always looking for **Champions to head up fundraisers** ← reduction

**May-Mother's Day. Our card racks have Mother's Day cards for you. In the Education Wing you will find cards especially for our young people. Dads when you pick up your children from Children's Church stop by the rack and help them pick a card for mom.**

**To all of you who send cards there is a Potential Mid-Year Stamp Increase.**

**Although there was no increase in January, the Postmaster General indicated that stamp prices could rise later in 2026, potentially to 90-95 cents due to financial pressures on the agency.**

**This would be the first significant increase since the last hike in July 2025. Any such change would likely require congressional oversight or approval to address USPS's financial sustainability.**

**[GovExec.com+1](http://GovExec.com+1)**

**You may want to stock up on stamps!**

**The next card workshop will be Monday, May 18 at 6:30 in the Education Wing, Rom A6. Hope to see you there.**

**Education Wing Security Coordinator / Monitor (Sunday Mornings)**

**Responsible for scheduling and coordinating volunteer coverage for the education wing during Sunday School and the 10:30 service, while also assisting with coverage as needed. Ensures a safe and secure environment for children by monitoring access points, opening doors for late-arriving parents, and remaining alert to unauthorized entry. Manages distribution and collection of hallway access keys for volunteers. If you are interested, please reach out to Ryan Ogurcak – [ryan.ogurcak@litrak.com](mailto:ryan.ogurcak@litrak.com) or 717-449-1971.**

## **8am Choir and Special Music update:**

**Do you like to sing and have fun???** It's never too late to join the choir. Anyone new, who would like to participate, is welcome. All that's needed is ability to relax and have fun and a willingness to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Give us a try!

### **Upcoming Choir singing Sundays:**

May 17

June 14

July 26 – Christmas in July

### **Upcoming special music dates are:**

May 3 – Jim and Deb Fickes

Saturday, May 16 – ABC Concert!!!



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](mailto:missions@chapelchurch.org).

In His Service,

Susan Workinger

Missions Chair



Chapel Church will have 13 children attending camp this summer! Looking forward to hearing how God is working in the lives of our next generation.

Experience the awe of God and the movement of the Holy Spirit as we go deep in our faith journey at this year's summer camp for the Northeast Global Methodist Church. Your child or youth will encounter the Holy Spirit, go deeper in their discipleship walk with Jesus Christ, and be equipped to defend the Christian faith. This will all be combined with faith building activities, powerful daily worship, and practical hands-on-lessons that will transform your child's relationship with Jesus Christ. This five day camp will directly impact your child/youth, your family, your church, and your community. Be part of this new journey and come expecting the movement of the Holy Spirit. Source: [Camping Ministry | Northeast Global Methodist Church](#)

## Chapel Church supports the York County Veteran's Outreach - How York County Serves Our 25,000 Veterans



Image [Veterans Memorial Gold Star Healing and Peace Garden](#) Featuring Board Chair Susan P. Byrnes R.N.

25,000 Veterans call York County home, some born and raised here while many others have relocated due to York County's reputation for outstanding Veteran support and services. The question is, how did this happen and how can we band together to further support our Hometown Heroes?

In 2013, two of York County's outstanding leaders, retired President Commissioner Susan Byrnes (founder of the Susan Byrnes Health Education Center and President of the Veterans Memorial Gold Star Healing and Peace Garden) and the Honorable Judge T. Trebilcock (Ret. US Army Reserves who presided over the Veterans Wellness Court) co-founded the York County Veterans Outreach to raise funds for York County Veterans and their families. Pulling together a board of directors of the leaders of York County's nonprofit sector, they created two major fundraising events each year to support York County's Veteran nonprofits and the Veterans Fund; a private fund of monies utilized by York County's Veterans Affairs to meet the immediate needs of mortgage, utility, food insecurity and other items not as readily available due to the red tape of bureaucracy.

Raised from last year's Annual Benefit Car, Truck and Bike Show and Annual Golf Tournament, the YCVO has allocated a \$50,000 grant for the Veterans Fund and another \$50,000 for York County's Veteran nonprofits. Year to date, our donations have supported mental health with Catfish for Heroes and Veterans Lake Fishing, entire homes furnished through the Pennsylvania Furniture Mission, Prodigy Spectrum's newest Veteran personal care home, shelter at LifePath Christian Ministries, PTSD treatments through For the Love of a Veteran and Agricultural Education at Glenn

Hope Care Farm.

If you wish to support your hometown heroes along with us, please consider donating and/or volunteering. You can learn more about the YCVO at [www.yocoveteransoutreach.org](http://www.yocoveteransoutreach.org). You can reach out to our administrator directly at [yorkcountyveteransoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:yorkcountyveteransoutreach@gmail.com). Source: [York County Veterans Outreach | News](#)



Chapel Church will be providing the dinner for volunteers serving during Faith Beyond the Pews on June 10th. If you are interested or able to help with preparation or serving, please contact Chuck at [chuckandpamv@aol.com](mailto:chuckandpamv@aol.com).



Later this year we will be holding an all-church volunteer event. Keep an eye out for more information and sign-up opportunities.

# DOOR HANGER WORKSHOP

12"-14" wood round, paint, stencils, and ribbon provided.



Design and paint your own wooden door hanger. Bring your idea and any embellishments you would like to add.

**\$25 per person**  
**Thursday, May 14th**  
**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Sign-up sheet in the welcome center.  
Payment is due to the Office prior to the workshop.



## **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!

Dear Chapel Family,

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our church family for the love, prayers, and support you have shown during Cheryl's hip surgery and my kidney transplant.

Walking through both of these challenges at the same time could have been overwhelming, but we have truly felt uplifted by your care and encouragement. Your prayers brought us peace, your kind words gave us strength, and your generosity helped lighten the load in so many ways.

We are incredibly grateful to be part of such a compassionate and faithful community. Cheryl and I are both continuing to recover, and we are thankful for the progress being made each day.

Thank you for surrounding us with such love—we are truly blessed.

With sincere gratitude,  
Bill and Cheryl Elliehausen

### **Chapel Church Text Alert Program**

On April 15, the church office sent a text message with an invitation to receive text alerts from Chapel Church. If you accepted the invitation by texting START, you are enrolled in this program. If you thought this message was spam and replied "STOP" you are not enrolled in this program and will not receive any emergency text notifications of service changes such as weather closures or time changes or any other message that needs to be delivered quickly.

The church office is in the process of sending emails to anyone that unsubscribed to this program. In this email, directions are given to subscribe to the program if you want to be included. Also, you will be asked to confirm your decision to unsubscribe if you do not want to be included in the program. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Also, if you want to receive text messages and are unsure how to do that on your phone, ask a friend to help you or bring your phone to church and someone will help you get set up. This program is intended for emergency notifications only. Our texting privacy policy is available on the website under the "Contact" tab.

## Chapel Church Leadership Council Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** April 13, 2026

**Council Members:** Ryan Ogurcak (Chair) | Arnie Fritzius | Pam Vucetich | Debi Deller (Treasurer) | Larry Orwig | Lorie Conrad | Chloe Getz | Barry Tobias | Bruce Bailey | Dawn Oswald | Josh Wargo (Pastor)

**Guest Attendees:** Steve Wilt | Muriel Slenker | Heather Dunn

### 1. Meeting Overview

The Leadership Council met to address operational, financial, facilities, and strategic matters. While following the agenda, several discussions expanded into broader governance conversations as the council worked toward practical decision-making rather than passive reporting.

A consistent emphasis throughout the meeting included:

- Stewardship and financial responsibility
- Clear ownership of tasks
- Balancing immediate needs with long-term planning
- Maintaining spiritual focus alongside operational decisions

Guest presentations covered signage and the church phone system, followed by regular business items including finance, facilities, and communication systems.

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### 2. Key Follow-Ups from Prior Meetings

- **Signage:** New material samples and pricing reviewed; additional details required before approval
  - **Phone System:** Ongoing issue; current system no longer sustainable
  - **Eagle Scout Project:** Fully approved and ready for implementation
  - **Facilities:** Multiple ongoing maintenance items reviewed
  - **Text Alerts:** System now live and functioning
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### 3. Spiritual Framing

- **Opening Prayer & Devotion:**  
Focused on Revelation 2:2–4, emphasizing the risk of losing spiritual focus while managing church operations.
  - Key takeaway: Leadership must remain spiritually grounded, not merely operational.
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### 4. Major Discussion Areas

#### 4.1 Signage (Parish Hall)

##### Discussion Highlights:

- Reviewed aluminum vs. formed plastic lettering options
- Considered durability, cost, and visibility from parking lot
- Placement clarified (above existing graphic; no relocation needed)

##### Conclusion:

- No final decision yet
- General agreement signage is necessary and affordable

##### Next Steps:

- Obtain scaled visual mock-up
  - Get revised pricing (excluding unnecessary labor)
  - Final approval may occur via email
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#### 4.2 Phone System

##### Current Situation:

- System is outdated, unserviceable, and limiting ministry needs

##### Key Considerations:

- Reduce number of physical phones
- Explore hybrid options (cell/computer-based systems)

- Avoid exposing personal phone numbers in ministry contexts
- Avoid high external cabling costs (prefer volunteer installation)

**Conclusion:**

- No final decision; need right-sized solution

**Next Steps:**

- Develop reduced-user system proposal
  - Clarify cost structure based on usage
  - Explore alternative platforms and hybrid models
  - Assess volunteer cabling support
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### **4.3 Text Alert System**

- System is now active and tested
- Intended for urgent communication only

**Next Step:**

- Finalize and distribute congregation communication (including opt-out instructions)
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### **4.4 Eagle Scout Project (Eli Wilt)**

**Scope:**

- Construction of 20 benches
- Bandstand refurbishment

**Status:**

- Fully approved and ready to begin
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### **4.5 Minutes Approval**

- March minutes approved
- Formatting issue identified

**Next Step:**

- Distribute minutes as a separate attachment going forward
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**4.6 Finance Update****Positive Indicators:**

- Strong March giving (5 Sundays)
- Improved bank balance
- Significant mortgage reduction (including \$10,000 gift)

**Key Clarifications:**

- Previous reserve allocations now remain in general fund

**Discussion Themes:**

- Property tax considerations
- Need for improved budgeting process
- Stewardship education opportunities

**Strategic Conversations:**

- Potential financial stewardship course (Dave Ramsey-style)
- Long-term mortgage payoff considerations
- Vision planning beyond financial constraints

**Decisions:**

- Finance report approved

**Next Steps:**

- Explore stewardship course leadership
  - Improve budgeting process later this year
  - Continue long-term financial discernment
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## **4.7 Facilities Update**

### **Maintenance & Infrastructure:**

- Refrigerator insulation issue identified
- HVAC insulation deterioration noted
- Sprinkler system inspection passed
- Kitchen condenser repair pending

### **Operational Needs:**

- Parish Hall floor requires deep cleaning/restoration
- Drain issues support purchase of cleaning machine (strong consensus)

### **Storage Cleanup:**

- Surplus equipment identified for disposal or reuse

### **Building Use Policy Concern:**

- Outside group left facility in poor condition
- Concerns escalated due to:
  - Repeated misuse
  - Scheduling conflicts
  - Potential revenue-generating events

### **Conclusion:**

- Free use likely to end
- Written agreements required moving forward

### **Additional Concerns:**

- Possible lead water line (requires further investigation)
  - Sanctuary flooring (exploratory inspection requested)
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## 4.8 Additional Facility Items

- Bookshelves relocated
  - Media booth removal pending
  - Need for replacement TV mount identified
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## 5. Key Decisions Summary

- Approved March meeting minutes
  - Approved finance report
  - Supported Eagle Scout project launch
  - Agreed to proceed toward:
    - Drain machine purchase
    - Improved facility-use policies
    - Signage and phone system refinement (pending more info)
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## 6. Major Action Items (Condensed)

### Signage

- Visual mock-up and revised pricing (Heather Dunn / Ryan)

### Phone System

- Develop scaled-down, flexible solution (Steve Wilt)

### Text Alerts

- Congregation rollout communication (Mary Ann / Josh / Steve)

### Finance

- Stewardship course exploration (Josh)
- Improved budgeting process (Debi & Council)

### Facilities

- Address insulation and HVAC issues (Larry)

- Plan Parish Hall floor restoration (Larry)
- Purchase drain-cleaning machine (Larry)
- Continue storage cleanup (Larry)
- Review and enforce facility-use policies (Barry & Josh)
- Investigate possible lead line (Larry)
- Inspect sanctuary flooring (Larry)

### **Operations**

- Separate minutes from newsletter (Mary Ann)
  - Install TV mount and complete media booth transition
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### **7. Overall Takeaways**

- Strong alignment on stewardship, maintenance, and responsible decision-making
- Increased focus on **policy clarity and accountability**, especially in facility usage
- Recognition of need for **modernization** (phone system, communication tools)
- Intentional balance between:
  - Immediate operational needs
  - Long-term strategic and spiritual direction

Several topics remain open pending additional information, particularly:

- Signage final approval
  - Phone system structure
  - Mortgage strategy
  - Facility-use enforcement
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### **8. Next Meeting**

**May 11, 2026 – 6:00 PM**

## Adult Small Group Study Classes

CLASS	CURRENT STUDY	WHEN	WHERE	INSTRUCTOR
God & Bible	Hebrews	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	The Acts of the Apostles	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	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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:

Brad & Gaye Ludwig	May 1	<b>Bill &amp; Diane Leight</b>	<b>May 22</b>
Joe & Ione Groff	May 4	Tom & Linda Gardner	May 24
Tim & Jackie Lauer	May 5	Ben & Rachael Brinton	May 25
James & Peggy Fry	May 14	Seth & Brooke Gingrich	May 27
Brian & Melissa Elicker	May 20	Ron & Bonita Lighty	May 26
Arnie & Joan Fritzius	May 30		

Happy 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary to Brad & Gaye!



Becky Arroyo	May 1	Henry Reinoehl	May 22
Kathy Bradshaw	May 1	Linda Gardner	May 23
Joe Groff	May 2	Cathleen Coleman	May 25
Colton Ogurcak	May 2	Wayne Angel	May 26
Lydia Tyson	May 4	<b>Alice Leight</b>	<b>May 26</b>
Marisa Anuszewski	May 6	Brad Ludwig	May 26
Allison LeGore	May 8	Connie Merrill	May 27
Aimee Miller	May 8	Audrey Schell	May 27
John Wagner	May 8	Owen Angel	May 28
Robert Miller	May 11	Linda Conner	May 28
Ryan McCleary	May 17	Ben Elicker	May 28
Dawn Oswald	May 19	Jamison Gingrich	May 29
Joyce Holtzapple	May 22	Sara Wagner	May 30
Krysta Tyson	May 31		

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